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OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

AMHERST, N. H.

FOR THE

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TOWN OFFICERS

Population - June 1980 - 9476

Moderator
M. A. Wight, Jr. 1982

Selectmen
Edward C. Masten, Chairman, 1981
Thomas G. Grella, 1982 — Alice E. (Betty) Arnold, 1983
Peter F. Wells, 1982 — Elizabeth (Pixie) Lown, 1983
Barbara Landry, Secretary

Town Clerk
Bernice G. Boothroyd, 1981

Tax Collector
Barbara H. Landry, 1983

Treasurer
Marion M. Sortevik, 1982

Town Counsel
William R. Drescher

Health Officer
Dr. James C. Starke

Welfare Officer
Edward C. Masten

Zoning Administrator
Russell Abbate

Building Inspector
Stephen Delisle

Road Agent
Richard G. Crocker

Police Chief
John T. Osborn, Jr.

Fire Chief
Marshall D. Strickland

Fire Wards
Marshall D. Strickland — David Herlihy — Richard G. Crocker

Custodian of Town Buildings
Ernest Law

Recreation Director
Charles "Pete" Houston

Supervisors of the Checklists
Jean E. Lyon, 1986 — Robert Wishart, 1984
Evelyn Sickler, 1982

Rescue Squad
Gustav Just

Civil Preparedness
Roy E. Maston, Dr. — Harding C. Sortevik, Dep. Dr.

Trustee of the Trust Funds
David T. Ramsay, 1983 — George W. Brown, 1981
Raymond Woolson, 1982

Cemetery Trustees

David T. Ramsay — Harold Nazro — Edward C. Masten

Library Trustees

Lucy Ramsay, 1983 — E. Daniel Johnson, 1981
Wendy Stotz, 1982 — W. Ryland Cox, 1981
Sylvia Agler, 1983 — Jean Sweeney, 1982

Planning Board

James Shildneck, Chairman, 1982

Richard Lefebvre, 1981 — Oliver Hayes, 1984
Roger Smith, Alternate, 1985 — Douglas Kirkwood, 1983
Marilyn Peterman, 1985 — Charles Vars, 1981
Peter Wells, Ex-officio — Richard Heineke, 1981

Board of Adjustment

J. Clark Logan, Chairman, 1981

Arnold Dickinson, 1982 — Norman Constant, 1984
Elliot Lyon, 1985 — John Bachman, 1983 - Resigned

Road Commissioners

Stephan Duggan, 1981 — Meric Arnold, 1983
Everett Leach, 1982

Nashua Regional Planning Commission

Martin Michaelis, 1981 — M. A. Wight, Jr., 1982

Conservation Commission

Howard Parkhurst, 1983 — William Goodwill, 1983
Thornton Stearns, 1982 — Charles Bacon, 1983
Elizabeth Gillespie, 1982 — Elizabeth Barrett, 1981
William Anderson, 1981 — Richard Kitchen, 1981-Resigned

Historic District Commission

Peter Rotch, 1981 — Norman Vandine, 1983
Robert Jackson, 1982 — Robert Crouter, ex-officio
Thomas G. Grella, ex-officio

Recreation Commission

Sally Harrington, 1982, Resigned — Sharla Kurz, 1981
Robert Foster, 1983 — James Agnew, 1981
Peter Ashworth, 1983

Tree Committee

James Moser, 1983 — Barbara Berlack, 1981
Terry Mayo, 1982

Independence Day Committee

Ann Bergin, Chairman

Memorial Day Committee

Peter Bergin, Chairman

Ways and Means Committee

Richard Newbert	Ronald Pomerleau
Mary Waterman	Christy Belvin
Wilson Leatherman	Peggy Silva
Ann Morse	Harold Mahar
Charles Seelig	Joanne Buck

Thornton Jesdale, Chairman

Representatives to the General Court

M. A. Wight, Jr. Joanne Head B. P. Smith

Member of the State Senate

Alan Rock - Deceased

Highway Safety Committee

John T. Owborn, Jr., Chief of Police

Marshall Strickland - Fire Chief	Gustav Just - Rescue
Roy Maston - Civil Preparedness	Peter Wells - Selectman
Robert H. Prew - Citizen	Richard G. Crocker-Hgwy.

Souhegan Regional Landfill District

William Marble, 1982 Dennis Wheeler, 1983

Mosquito Commission

Richard Griffith, Jr., 1981 Josephine Lane Fearon, 1982
Felix Hertzka, 1983

Personnel Study Committee

Ann Snow, Chairman

B. P. Smith	Ann Willis
Roger Brown	Frank Miller

Town Government Study Committee

Dana Powers, Chairman

Sharon Beckley - Resigned	Samuel Klein
David Ramsay	Al Huebner

Ronald Berlack

Brick School Study Committee

Theresa Greenblatt, Chairman

Dorothy Davis	Robert W. Foster
Lucy Ramsay	Peter B. Rotch

Robert Wishart

Town Warrant

The State of New Hampshire

March 10, 1981

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Wilkins School

Voting on Articles 1 and 2 will be at the polls.

Remaining articles will be considered at the meeting held at 9:00 a.m. March 14, 1981 at the Middle School.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the County of Hillsborough and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Wilkins School on the Boston Post Road in the Village on Tuesday the 10th day of March, 1981 at 7:00 a.m. for the purpose of choosing Town Officers elected by official ballot and to take such other action required to be inserted on the official ballots of the Town. (Articles 1 and 2)

The polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and will close no earlier than 7:00 p.m. in the evening.

You are hereby notified that the second session of the Annual Meeting of the Town of Amherst will be held at the Middle School on Saturday, March 14, 1981 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning to act on those matters not to be voted on by official ballot (Article 3

Article 1.

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing terms.

Article 2.

To see if the Town of Amherst will vote to make the following changes in the Zoning Map and the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Amherst:

Amendment #1 (by petition)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance and to correct the tax maps of the Town of Amherst to make Lot 87/3 on Map 2 Commercial in place of its present designation as Residential.

BALLOT QUESTION TO READ:

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment 1 to change Lot 2-87/3 from Residential to Commercial?

YES_____ NO_____

Amendment No. 2 (by petition)

To see if the Town will vote to make the following modifications in the Town of Amherst Zoning Ordinance relative to special exceptions for multi-unit residential dwellings in a rural district:
DELETE: Paragraph 10 (including subparagraphs 10a, 10b, and 10c) section 5-5, Article V.

BALLOT QUESTION WILL READ:

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment 2 to remove as a permitted use by special exception, multi-unit residential dwellings from the rural district?

YES_____ NO_____

Amendment No. 3 (by petition)

To see if the Town will make the following addition to the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Amherst, Article V:
ADD: Section 5-10 Uses permitted by Special Exception in all districts where residential dwellings are a permitted use.

Attached Unit Developments
A. Purpose

The existing development pattern of the Town has resulted in conditions which make it difficult for people of moderate incomes to find suitable housing within the Town. The special regulations contained herein are designed to encourage the construction of a limited number of housing units suitable for occupancy by such persons, while ensuring compliance with local planning standards and policies concerned with land use, building design, and requirements of the health, safety, convenience, and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Town. The total number of attached units permitted under this section shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the total number of dwelling units in the Town as provided for in the Town of Amherst Master Plan.

B. General Regulations

The erection of attached dwelling units shall be permitted as a Special Exception to the Zoning Ordinance in all areas where residential housing is permitted and local soil types allow. In considering such special exceptions the Board of Adjustment shall seek the view of the Planning Board by way of a formal non-residential site plan review in order to insure consistency of the proposal with local growth policies and plans, suitable of access roads, and neighborhood compatibility, etc. In viewing such Special Exceptions, the same review standards shall be used by the Planning Board that are required in an Open Space Development Article IX, Section 9-1, Open Space Development, Paragraph D, 1-13.

Approval by the Board of Adjustment is contingent upon the owner or his agent meeting the following requirements:

1. There shall be a minimum Net Tract Area of five acres.
   a. In determining Net Tract Area, the required area shall be exclusive of any land within the Flood Plain, Water Shed, Conservation District, and the Wetlands Conservation District, and all area with slope greater than twenty percent (20%).

2. The density for any Net Tract Area shall be determined by dividing the estimated daily flow of sewage in gallons by 1200 and then multiplying by the sewage loading factor established by New Hampshire WSPCC, New Hampshire Administrative Rules, Ch WS1000, Subdivision and Individual Sewage Disposal System Design Rules, Parts WS1004.03 or any amendment thereof. The estimated daily flow (G) is calculated by multiplying 150 gallons per day by the total number of bedrooms in the development. The Net Tract Area can be determined by the following formula:

NET TRACT AREA = G(gallons per day)/ 1200 x F loading factor

or

$$\text{NET TRACT AREA} = \frac{150B}{1200} \text{ (total bedrooms) x F loading factor}$$

Under no circumstances shall the density of the development exceed four units per acre.

3. Septic systems shall only be allowed to be placed in soils with slight to moderate limitations as defined by United States Conservation Service Soil Survey Interpretations.

4. There shall be a backup area for an alternative septic system at least equal to the primary leachfield.

5. An attached dwelling unit shall be defined as housing structures which contain more than one individual housing unit. No more than six (6) units shall be allowed to be attached to each other in any one building. The buildings shall not be more than two and one half (2½) stories in height. Each unit shall contain no more than three bedrooms and the number of bedrooms shall average, over the entire development, no more than two per unit.

6. Water supply shall be provided by a community well or wells. Such wells may be drilled wells, gravel wells or wash wells, but under no circumstances shall they be dug wells or natural surface springs.

7. There shall be at least thirty percent (30%) of the Net Tract Area set aside for the use and enjoyment of the residents of the Development, and this land shall be permanently restricted for open space, recreation and conservation uses.

8. Open space within the Development shall be protected by recreation and/or conservation easements, or shall be leased, conveyed, or otherwise restricted, to be permanently protected in other suitable ways approved by the Planning Board so as to guarantee the following:

a. The continued use of such land for intended purposes;

b. Continuity of proper maintenance for those portions of the open space land requiring maintenance;

c. When appropriate, the availability of funds required for such maintenance;

d. Recovery of loss sustained as a result of casualty, condemnation, or otherwise;

e. In the case of a homeowners' association or similar form of ownership, that the membership and obligation of the residents of the Development be automatic upon conveyance of title or lease to individual dwelling units.

9. The Attached Unit Development Plan shall show the layout of all roads and shall differentiate between collector roads which move traffic into or through the Development, and residential streets which provide access to the individual dwelling units. All roads shall be built to Town requirements for public roads and shall be required by the Planning

Board to be offered to the Town for public acceptance; except that right of way and pavement widths for residential streets may be reduced according to standards adopted by the Planning Board in consultation with the Road Commissioners and the Board of Selectmen and may, with the approval of the Planning Board, remain in private ownership. The roads shall be bonded or constructed and approved, and when applicable, accepted by the Selectmen, prior to the issuance of a building permit.

10. There shall be two (2) off-street parking spaces per dwelling unit. There shall also be provisions for appropriate emergency vehicle access to all structures.

11. There shall be a maximum of forty-five (45) attached units permitted in any Development. Attached units can be combined with single-family units within the same development. Density for the single family units shall be determined by subtracting any areas located within the Wetland Conservation District, Water Shed, or the Flood Plain Conservation District and any slopes over twenty percent (20%) subtracting the total acreage necessary for the attached units, then dividing by the minimum lot requirements for that district.

12. Setbacks and side yard minimums shall not be required in Attached Unit Developments but shall be left to the discretion of the Planning Board.

13. A permanent buffer sufficient to provide an adequate visual barrier or transition between the Attached Unit Development and all adjacent parcels of land shall be established.

14. No more than one Attached Unit Development shall be permitted in any subdivision of record on December 1, 1980, nor shall more than one Attached Unit Development be permitted on any lot of record or contiguous lots of record under common ownership on December 1, 1980.

BALLOT QUESTION TO READ:

Are you in favor of allowing by Special Exception attached multi-family dwellings in all districts of the Town where residential dwellings are permitted?

YES_____ NO_____

Article 3.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such monies as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the period July 1, 1981 to June 30, 1982.

Article 4.

To see if the Town will vote to give the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer the authority to borrow money in anticipation of tax receipts.

Article 5.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize withdrawal of Fifteen Thousand and Seventy Five Dollars ($15,075.00) from the Federal Revenue Sharing Funds, established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as offsets against budgeted appropriations for the following specific reasons and in the amounts indicated hereafter or take action relative thereto.

Allocation	Purpose	Amount
5101-Town Office Expense	102 Property Appraisal	$3600
5101-Town Office Expense	085 Office Equipment	1250
5108-Mapping & Survey	Mapping & Survey	1850
5200 Police Department	085 Office Equipment	825
5201 Fire Department	115 Fire Team	1200
5205 Civil Defense	085 Office Equipment	500
5206 Rescue	085 New Equipment	3150
5605 Baboosic	085 Office Equipment	400
5901 Town Library	Books	2000
5909 Zoning Department	085 Office Equipment	300
TOTAL		$15,075

Article 6.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Eight Dollars ($2,888.00) to provide employee lockers, letter size file cabinets, waste baskets, a manual typewriter and cell cots with mattresses for the Police/Rescue facility and to authorize the withdrawal of Two Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Eight Dollars ($2888.00) from 1981 Federal Revenue Sharing Funds, established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 or take action relative thereto.

Article 7.

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Six Dollars and Forty Three Cents ($9,226.43) for the purpose of purchasing the in-house telephone system for the new Police/Rescue facility and to authorize the withdrawal of Nine Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Six Dollars and Forty Three Cents ($9,226.43) from 1981 Federal Revenue Sharing Funds, established under the provision of the State and Federal Assistance Act of 1972 - or take action relative thereto.

Article 8.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars ($26,800.00) to provide new pages and change vehicle radio to a new and separate radio frequency as dictated by Federal Communications Regulations and to authorize the withdrawal of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund and to further authorize the withdrawal of Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars ($16,800.00) from the Federal Revenue Sharing

Funds, established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972, or take action relative thereto.

Article 9.
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($16,500.00) to install Beam Bridge Guard Rails on the bridge and approach railings to the bridge on Boston Post Road, South at the junction of Route 122 and to authorize the withdrawal of $16,500 from the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund, or take action relative thereto.

Article 10.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars ($12,000.00) to complete the construction of the driveway and landscaping for the new Police/Rescue facility or take action relative thereto.

Article 11.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($31,500.00) to alter the Central Fire Station to provide training, meeting and office space and to authorize the Fire Wards and Selectmen to apply any funds in the form of Grants available from private sources or take action relative thereto.

Article 12.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Dollars ($600.00) to support the services rendered by the St. Joseph Community Services, Inc., to Amherst residents for the fiscal year 1981-82 and that all future requests for financial support be reviewed annually by succeeding Annual Town Meetings, or take action relative thereto.

Article 13.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars ($1500.00) to support the services rendered by the Souhegan Valley Association for the Handicapped to Amherst residents, for the fiscal year 1981-82 and that all future requests for financial support be reviewed annually by succeeding Annual Town Meetings, or take action relative thereto.

Article 14.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) to support the services rendered by the Nashua Youth Council to Amherst residents, for the fiscal year 1981-82 and that all future requests for financial support be reviewed annually by succeeding Annual Town Meetings, or take action relative thereto.

Article 15.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars ($3,600.00) to make repairs to and paint the steeple on the Congregational Church of Amherst or take action relative thereto.

Article 16.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars ($2,250.00) to resurface the sidewalks in front of the Congregational Church - a distance of 340' by 4' from the Houck property to Middle Street, or take action relative thereto.

Article 17.

To see if the Town will vote to accept the concept that the Brick School be converted to house the Town Library and see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00) for engineering fees and architectural plans for the purpose of renovating the Brick School for its conversion into the Town Library and to authorize the Selectmen to apply any funds in the form of Grants from private sources, or take action relative thereto.

Article 18.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and convey one parcel of land identified as Lot 4-16 approximately one acre in size, acquired by tax collector's deed, by public auction or advertised sealed bid or in such manner as determined by the Selectmen as justice may require.

Article 19.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) to make an energy survey of town buildings, and authorize the withdrawal from the Federal Revenue Sharing Funds, established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 of a like amount for said purpose or take action relative thereto.

Article 20. (By petition)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Three Dollars ($30,663.00) to operate a Mosquito Control Program for the period July 1, 1981 to June 30, 1982 or take action relative thereto.

Article 21.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) to be administered by the Conservation Commission with the concurrence of the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of acquiring land at their discretion to protect natural resources and to provide open space in accordance with NHRSA-36A-5.

Article 22.
To see if the Town will vote to create a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of providing funds to defray the cost to revalue the Town and to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars ($40,000.00) to carry out the intent of this article.

Article 23.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars ($60,000.00) said sum for the purpose of adding to the current Bridge Capital Reserve Fund for the orderly replacement of bridges in the Town of Amherst established by action of the Town Meeting of March 1979, or take action relative thereto.

Article 24.
To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Mosquito Control District activities established under Article 4 of the Town Meeting of 1979, or take action relative thereto.

Article 25.
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of ownership of the Steeple, clock and other parts thereof, owned by the Town and currently located on the Congregational Church of Amherst, to the Congregational Church of Amherst, or take action relative thereto.

Article 26.
To see if the Town will vote to petition the Representatives and Senators who represent the Town in the General Court to support in the current session of the General Court the concurrent resolution to amend the State Constitution to limit the annual increase in property taxes to five percent and to limit the annual increase in spending by the state or any city, town or other governmental unit of the state to five percent.

Resolution
Whereas the Ways and Means Committee recommended the formation of an advisory group to develop a comprehensive uniform personnel policy for all departments of the Town and

School District, and

Whereas the 1980 Town Meeting voted to empower the Moderator to appoint and charge such Committee, and

Whereas this Committee did attempt to fill this charge by drawing up a personnel policy, a range of job descriptions, a salary administration plan, and the recommendation to begin a Personnel Advisory Board to aid the Boards of Selectmen and Education in the updating and reviewing of such policy, and offered a written report to be included in the Town Report, we, the members of this advisory group ask the members of Town Meeting 1981 to vote to urge the Boards of Selectmen and Education to act upon these matters to help maintain good relations and equitable pay among our town employees.

Given under our hands and seal, this 23rd day of February, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty one.

EDWARD C. MASTEN
THOMAS P. GRELLA
PETER F. WELLS
ELIZABETH LOWN
ALICE E. ARNOLD

Selectmen of Amherst, N. H.

A True Copy of Warrant - Attest:

EDWARD C. MASTEN
THOMAS P. GRELLA
PETER F. WELLS
ELIZABETH LOWN
ALICE E. ARNOLD

Selectmen of Amherst, N. H.

	PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 31:4)	Appropriations Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Previous Fiscal Year	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year 1981 (1981-82)
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT:	18 months	12 months	12 months
1	Town officers' salaries	43,620 00	29,080 04	29,330 00
2	Town officers' expenses	90,693 00	50,694 27	69,355 00
3	Election and Registration expenses	8,220 00	3,201 94	3,800 00
4	Municipal and District court expenses	--	--	--
5	Expenses town hall and other buildings	33,730 00	18,523 69	28,573 00
6	Reappraisal of property /Mapping	6,000 00	1,890 46	3,700 00
7	Trust Fund Management			3,000 00
8				
9				
	PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:			
10	Police Department	327,811 00	232,911 93	268,341 00
11	Parking Meters - operation & maintenance			
12	Fire department, inc. forest fires	83,418 00	67,288 52	73,282 00
13	Blister rust and care of trees	3,400 00	1,771 45	--
14	Planning and Zoning	73,649 00	35,804 99	39,458 00
15	Damages by dogs /Dog Account	12,200 00	6,862 37	10,412 00
16	Insurance	139,328 00	87,969 13	106,375 00
17	Civil Defense	2,115 00	1,604 95	2,270 00
18	Conservation Commission	2,605 00	1,527 56	1,630 00
19				
20				
21				
22				
	HEALTH DEPARTMENT:			
23	Health Dept. - Hospital - Ambulance	25,945 00	17,371 35	28,765 00
24	Vital Statistics			
25	Town Dump and Garbage Removal	128,409 00	87,455 22	87,766 00
26				
27				
28				
29				
	HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES:			
30	Town road aid	2,551 23	2,551 23	2,556 52
31	Town Maintenance	419,446 00	242,179 16	291,740 00
32	Street Lighting	15,600 00	8,967 42	12,000 00
33	General expenses of highway department	60,728 00	43,526 95	45,333 00
34	Gas Subsidy	104,624 78	65,580 94	66,646 01
35				
36				
37				
	LIBRARIES:			
38	Library	110,195 00	73,174 49	85,524 00
39				
40				
41				
	PUBLIC WELFARE:			
42	Town poor	15,000 00	17,763 28	15,000 00
43	Old age assistance	9,000 00	3,876 35	4,000 00
44	Aid to permanently and totally disabled			
45	Soldiers' aid	750 00	00	500 00
46				
47				
48				

	PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriations Previous Fiscal Year		Actual Expenditures Previous Fiscal Year		Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year 1981 (1981-82)	
	PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:	18 months		12 months		12 months	
49	Memorial Day - Old home day	3,000	00	2,099	06	2,700	00
50							
51							
	RECREATION:						
52	Parks & Playground, inc. band concerts	58,814	00	40,172	26	50,586	00
53							
54							
55							
	PUBLIC SERVICES ENTERPRISES:						
56	Municipal Sewer Dept.						
57	Municipal Water Dept.	2,720	00	2,750	00	2,750	00
58	Municipal Electric Dept.						
59	Cemeteries	14,393	00	9,624	72	11,750	00
60	Airport						
61							
	UNCLASSIFIED:						
62	Damages and Legal expenses	22,500	00	11,011	66	15,000	00
63	Advertising and Regional Associations						
64	Employees' retirement and Social Security	60,815	00	33,202	95	42,638	00
65	Contingency Fund	15,000	00	1,109	50	15,000	00
66							
67							
68							
69							
70							
	DEBT SERVICE:						
71	Principal-long term notes & bonds					72,000	00
72	Interest-long term notes & bonds						
73	Interest on temporary loans	1,200	00	00		17,280	00
74							
	CAPITAL OUTLAY:						
75							
76							
77							
78							
79							
80							
81							
	PAYMENT TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	39,625	00	39,625	00	39,625	00
82							
83							
84							
85	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	1,937,105	01	1,241,172	84	1,548,685	53

Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues, Exclusive of Taxes (Line 137) 746,436.00

Amount of Taxes to be Raised (Exclusive of School and County Taxes) 802,249.53

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST ,N.H.

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

	SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year		Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year		Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year	
	FROM LOCAL TAXES:	18 months		12 months		12 months	
86	Resident Taxes	70,000	00	43,900	00	47,000	00
87	National Bank Stock Taxes	500	00	660	40	500	00
88	Yield Taxes	1,500	00	3,089	67	2,000	00
89	Interest on Delinquent Taxes	50,000	00	37,335	73	35,000	00
90	Resident Tax Penalties						
91	Inventory Penalties	--		3,679	41	--	
92							
93							
	FROM STATE						
94	Meals and Rooms Tax	70,000	00	100,895	41	80,000	00
95	Interest and Dividends Tax	80,000	00	96,803	52	87,000	00
96	Savings Bank Tax	17,500	00	19,056	40	17,500	00
97	Highway Subsidy	104,624	78	64,612	36	66,646	00
98	Railroad Tax						
99	Town Road Aid						
100	State Aid Construction						
101	Class V Highway Maintenance						
102	State Aid Water Pollution Projects						
103	State Aid Flood Control Land						
104	National Forest Reserve						
105	Reimb. a/c State-Federal Forest Land						
106	Reimb. a/c Fighting Forest Fires						
107	Reimb. a/c Exemp.-Growing Wood & Timber						
108	Reimb. a/c Road Toll Refund	4,250	00	1,991	99	00	
109	Reimb. a/c Old Age Assistance						
110	Reimb. a/c Business Profits Tax	--		22,931	00	--	
111							
112							
113							
114							
	FROM LOCAL SOURCES, EXCEPT TAXES						
115	Motor Vehicle Permits Fees	354,500	00	247,000	00	245,000	00
116	Dog Licenses	12,000	00	6,358	00	6,000	00
117	Business Licensed, Permits and Filing Fees	18,450	00	14,668	43	13,625	00
118	Fines & Forfeits, Municipal & District Court	--		580	00	500	00
119	Rent of Town Property	6,000	00	7,130	00	6,000	00
120	Interest Received on Deposits	110,000	00	140,693	80	100,000	00
121	Income From Trust Funds	7,550	00	4,551	00	5,995	00
122	Income From Departments	17,960	00	17,516	11	17,595	00
123	Income From Sewer Department						
124	Income From Water Department						
125	Income From Electric Department						
126	Surplus						
127	Payment in lieu of Taxes	800	00	1,197	88	1,000	00
128							
129	Federal Grants						
130							
131							
	RECEIPTS OTHER THAN CURRENT REVENUE:						
132	Proceeds of Bonds and Long Term Notes						
133	Withdrawal From Capital Reserve						
134	Revenue Sharing Fund	29,000	00	38,300	00	15,075	00
135	Anti Recession Fund						
136							
137	TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	954,734	78	872,951	20	746,436	00

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

I T E M — LAND (Line 1) List all improved and unimproved land except Public Utility operating plant land which is to be included in items 4, 5, and 6. BUILDINGS (Line 2) List all buildings except Factory Buildings listed separately on line 3. Include house trailers assessed as real property on line 2 and those that are assessed as personal property on line 9. The classification test is their mobility.

			1980 VALUATION
1.	LAND - Improved and Unimproved	$37,193,410 $5,410,925	$ 31,782,485
2.	BUILDINGS - Excluding items listed on lines 3,4,5,6 & 9		93,283,280
3.	Factory Buildings		4,346,350
4.	Public Water Utility (Privately owned water supply serving public (RSA 72:11)		110,350
5.	PUBLIC UTILITIES - Value of all property used in production, transmission and distribution	Gas	506,000
6.	including production machinery, land, land rights, easements, etc. Furnish breakdown by	Electric	1,739,081
7.	individual company in space provided on page 4 (RSA 72:8)	Oil	---
8.	Mature Wood and Timber (RSA 79:5)		---
9.	House Trailers, Mobile Homes & Travel Trailers Assessed as Personal Property (RSA 72:7-a)(Number 58)		275,100
10.	Vehicles (RSA 72:15 111)		0
11.	TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED		$132,042,646
12.	Blind Exemption (RSA 72:37) 61% (Number 5) $45,750		XXXX
13.	Elderly Exemption (1) (RSA 72:39 &72:43a) (Number 77) $745,100		XXXX
14.	Solar and/or Windpower Exemption (RSA 72:62 & 66 (Number 0)		XXXX
15.	School Dining Room, Dormitory & Kitchen Exempt. (Number 0) (RSA 72:23)		XXXX
16.	Water & Air Polution Control Exemptions (RSA 72: 12-a) (Number 0)		XXXX
17.	Wood Heating Energy System Exempt. (RSA 72:69) (Number 0)		XXXX
18.	TOTAL EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED (lines 12 to 17)		790,850
19.	NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE IS COMPUTED (line 11 minus 18)		$131,251,796

PRECINCT AND SCHOOL DISTRICT VALUATION

Where valuation of Precincts and/or School Districts is not identical with the town or city, identify the unit of government in the columnar headings and list valuations and exemptions in the same manner as on Page 2.

	Amherst Village District Precinct
1.	$2,794,885
2.	8,804,773
3.	
4.	459,033
5.	
6.	
7.	
8.	
9.	
10.	
11.	11,599,658
12.	10,000
13.	180,900
14.	
15.	
16.	
17.	
18.	190,900
19.	11,408,758

COMPARISON INVENTORY VALUATION FOR TAX COMPUTATION

	1977	1978	1979	1980
Land	$34,766,210	$35,699,590	$36,822,560	$37,193,410
Land Use Exemption	5,199,870	5,216,120	5,334,595	5,410,925
Net Land	$29,566,340	$30,483,470	$31,487,965	$31,782,485
Buildings	78,984,520	82,130,960	91,131,980	93,283,280
Factory Buildings	851,800	3,845,160	3,489,850	4,346,350
Utilities:				
Water	110,350	110,350		110,350
Gas	504,800	499,100		506,000
Electric	1,458,900	1,239,981	1,815,731	1,739,081
Mobile Homes	(57) 233,640	(56) 232,400	266,100	(58) 275,100
Boats	(56) 31,817	(74) 60,763		
Total Valuation Before Exemption	$111,742,167	$118,602,184	$128,191,626	$132,042,646
Elderly Exemption	(62) 560,685	(73) 682,800	743,900	(77) 745,100
Blind Exemption	(4) 20,000	(5) 25,000	(4) 20,000	(5) 45,750
Net Value	$111,161,482	$117,894,384	$127,427,726	$131,251,796
Increase Over Previous Year:				
Gross	9 17%	9.42%	9.25%	9.73%
Net	9.13%	10.60%	9.25%	10.30%

* Revaluation 1974

Statement of Appropriations and Taxes Assessed and Tax Rate

	SOURCES OF REVENUE	FOR USE BY TOWN
	FROM LOCAL TAXES:	
86	Resident Taxes	$ 58,480.00
87	National Bank Stock Taxes	600.00
88	Yield Taxes	7,061.20
89	Interest on Delinquent Taxes	50,000.00
90	Resident Tax Penalties	300.00
91	Inventory Penalties	2,500.00
	FROM STATE	
94	Meals and Rooms Tax	100,895.00
95	Interest and Dividends Tax	96,803.52
96	Savings Bank Tax	19,056.40
97	Highway Subsidy	100,488.00
98	Railroad Tax	
99	Town Road Aid	
100	State Aid Construction	
101	Class V Highway Maintenance	
102	State Aid Water Pollution Projects	
103	State Aid Flood Control Land	
104	National Forest Reserve	
105	Reimb. a/c State-Federal Forest Land	
106	Reimb. a/c Fighting Forest Fires	78.05
107	Reimb. a/c Exemp. Growing Wood & Timber	
108	Reimb. a/c Road Toll Refund	1,973.00
109	Reimb. a/c Old Age Assistance	
	FROM LOCAL SOURCES, EXCEPT TAXES	
115	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	334,575.00
116	Dog Licenses	12,000.00
117	Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	12,600.00
118	Fines & Forfeits, Municipal & District Court	455.00
119	Rent of Town Property	9,500.00
120	Interest Received on Deposits	184,000.00
121	Income from Trust Funds	7,550.00
122	Income from Departments	18,260.00
123	Income from Sewer Department	
124	Income from Water Department	
125	Income from Electric Department	
126	Surplus	314,585.00
127	Franchise	1,197.00
	RECEIPTS OTHER THAN CURRENT REVENUE	
132	Proceeds of Bonds and Long Term Notes	216,000.00
133	Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds	87,200.00
134	Revenue Sharing Funds	38,300.00
135	Anti Recession Fund	
137	TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	$1,674,457.17

	PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATIONS	FOR USE BY TOWN
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
1	Town Officers' Salaries	$43,620.00
2	Town Officers' Expenses	90,693.00
3	Election and Registration Expenses	8,220.00
4	Municipal and District Court Expenses	
5	Town Hall and Other Buildings Expenses	33,730.00
6	Reappraisal of Property and Maps	6,000.00
	PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY	
10	Police Department	327,811.00
11	Parking Meters - operation and maintenance	
12	Fire Department, inc. forest fires	83,418.00
13	Blister, Rust and Care of Trees	3,400.00
14	Planning and Zoning	73,649.00
15	Damages by Dogs/Dog Account	12,200.00
16	Insurance	139,328.00
17	Civil Defense	2,115.00
18	Conservation Commission	2,605.00
	HEALTH	
23	Health Department $6,940.00 Hospital $00, Ambulance $19,005	25,945.00
24	Vital Statistics	
25	Town Dump & Garbage Removal	128,409.00
	HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES	
30	Town Road Aid	2,551.23
31	Town Maintenance	419,446.00
32	Street Lighting	15,600.00
33	General Expenses Highway Department	60,728.00
34	Highway Subsidy	104,624.78
	LIBRARIES	
38	Library	110,195.00
	PUBLIC WELFARE	
42	Town Poor	15,000.00
43	Old Age Assistance	9,000.00
44	Aid to Permanently Disabled	
45	Soldiers' Aid	750.00

	PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATIONS	FOR USE BY TOWN
	PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	
49	Memorial Day - Old Home Day & 4th of July	$ 3,000.00
	RECREATION	
52	Parks & Playground	58,814.00
	PUBLIC SERVICES ENTERPRISES	
56	Municipal Sewer Department	
57	Municipal Water Department	2,720.00
58	Municipal Electric Department	
59	Cemeteries	14,393.00
60	Airport	
	UNCLASSIFIED	
62	Damages and Legal Expenses	22,500.00
63	Advertising & Regional Assns.	
64	Employees Retirement and Social Security	60,815.00
65	Contingency Fund	15,000.00
	DEBT SERVICE	
71	Principal-long term notes & bonds	
72	Interest-long term notes & bonds	
73	Interest on temporary loans	1,200.00
	CAPITAL OUTLAY	
	Article 4 - Police/Rescue	225,000.00
	Article 8 - Pavillion	5,500.00
	Article 9 - Gasoline Pumps-Fire Station	3,000.00
	Article 10 - Annex	1,200.00
	Article 12 - Rescue Capital Reserve	5,000.00
	Article 13 - Vehicle Reserve	20,000.00
	Article 14 - Fire Truck	85,000.00
	Article 15 - Tennis Court	2,200.00
	Article 16 - Bridge	60,000.00
	Article 18 - Conservation Commission	25,000.00
	PAYMENTS TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS	39,625.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	$2,369,005.01
138	Total Town Appropriations (line 85)	2,369,005.01
139	Total Revenues and Credits (Line 137)	1,674,457.17
140	Net Town Appropriations (Line 85 minus 137)	694,547.84
141	Net School Appropriations	4,103,675.66
142	County Tax Assessments	293,689.00
143	Total of Town, School & County (Line 140+141+142)	5,091,912.50
144	DEDUCT Total Business Profits Tax Reimbursement	269,771.48
145	ADD War Service Credits (see page 6)	40,772.66
146	ADD Overlay	98,404.21
147	Property Taxes to be Raised	4,961,317.89

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

12 Months - January 1980 - December 1980

Title of Appropriation	Appro-priation	+ or - Income	Total Available	Expended	Over	Under	1981-82
Town Officers' Salaries	$29,080.00		$29,080.00	$29,080.04	.04		$29,330.00
Town Office Expense	57,955.00	1,340.05	59,295.05	50,694.27		$8,600.78	69,355.00
Brick School	10,403.00		10,403.00	9,366.51		1,036.49	
Town Hall	14,233.00		14,233.00	9,157.18		5,075.82	17,673.00
Police/Rescue							10,900.00
Elections	6,415.00	170.00	6,585.00	3,201.94		3,383.06	3,800.00
Legal	15,000.00		15,000.00	11,011.66		3,988.34	15,000.00
Insurance	84,704.00	2,612.18	87,316.18	87.969.13	652.95		106,375.00
Maps	3,000.00	322.05	3,322.05	1,890.46		1,431.59	3,700.00
N.H.Retirement	11,695.00		11,695.00	9,913.54		1,781.46	13,466.00
Social Security	21,446.00		21,446.00	16,890.63		4,555.37	22,046.00
Travelers Retirement	7,555.00	762.95	8,317.95	6,398.78		1,919.17	7,126.00
Police	199,168.00	10,931.65	210,099.65	216,955.08	6,855.43		251,041.00
Fire Department	65,380.00		65,380.00	67,288.52	1,908.52		73,282.00
Street Lights	10,400.00		10,400.00	8,967.42		1,432.58	12,000.00
Dog Account	7,810.00		7,810.00	6,862.37		947.63	10,412.00
Civil Defense	1,490.00		1,490.00	1,604.95	114.95		2,270.00
Ambulance	13,955.00	70.00	14,025.00	10,731.35		3,293.65	21,620.00
Communication	16,000.00		16,000.00	15,956.85		43.15	17,300.00
Health Department	600.00		600.00	600.00			600.00
Souhegan Nursing	4,500.00		4,500.00	4,500.00			4,500.00
Mental Health	1,540.00		1,540.00	1,540.00			2,045.00
General Expense Highway	41,034.00		41,034.00	43,526.95	2,492.95		45,333.00
Land Fill Expenses	9,298.00		9,298.00	11,410.42	2,112.42		11,253.00
Oiling	62,260.00	6,000.00	68,260.00	64,811.21		3,448.79	65,666.00
Summer Maintenance	60,832.00	1,006.71	61,838.71	55,758.49		6,080.22	66,396.00
Winter Maintenance	137,025.00	- 3,000.00	134,025.00	103,331.74		30,693.26	146,228.00
Road Improvements	13,450.00	5,000.00	18,450.00	18,277.72		172.28	13,450.00
Parks	9,765.00		9,765.00	6,821.98		2,943.02	13,020.00
Cemeteries	10,424.00	124.00	10,548.00	9,624.72		923.28	11,750.00
TRA	2,551.23		2,551.23	2,551.23			2,556.52
Highway Subsidy	69,749.78		69,749.78	65,580.94		4,168.84	66,646.01

Title of Appropriation	Appro-priation	+ or - Income	Total Available	Expended	Over	Under	1981-82
Grader Fund	$8,500.00		$ 8,500.00	$ 8,500.00			$ 8,500.00
Truck Reserve	15,000.00		15,000.00	15,000.00			15,000.00
Special Reserve	16,125.00		16,125.00	16,125.00			16,125.00
Town Poor	10,000.00	394.71	10,394.71	17,763.28	7,368.57		15,000.00
Soldier's Aid	500.00		500.00	0		500.00	500.00
Old Age Assistance	6,000.00		6,000.00	3,876.35		2,123.65	4,000.00
Recreation	20,460.00		20,460.00	19,261.03		1,198.97	21,351.00
Conservation	1,755.00		1,755.00	1,527.56		227.44	1,630.00
Tree Care	2,800.00		2,800.00	1,771.45		1,028.55	
Baboosic Lake	14,715.00	471.77	15,186.77	14,089.25		1,097.52	16,215.00
Interest	1,200.00		1,200.00			1,200.00	17,280.00
Payment on Debt							72,000.00
Hydrant Rental	2,720.00		2,720.00	2,750.00	30.00		2,750.00
Memorial Day	600.00		600.00	507.00		93.00	700.00
Fourth of July	1,800.00		1,800.00	1,592.06		207.94	2,000.00
Regional Planning	2,241.00		2,241.00	2,241.00			2,477.00
Planning Board	6,982.00		6,982.00	3,169.16		3,812.84	5,950.00
Board of Adjustment	2,741.00		2,741.00	1,963.33		777.67	3,085.00
Zoning	39,007.00		39,007.00	28,431.50		10,575.50	27,946.00
Trust Fund Management							3,000.00
Contingency	10,000.00		10,000.00	1,109.50		8,890.50	15,000.00
Land Fill	76,045.00		76,045.00	76,044.80		.20	76,513.00
Library	74,237.00		74,237.00	73,174.49		1,062.51	85,524.00
	$1,312,146.01	$26,206.07	$1,338,352.08	$1,241,172.84	$21,535.83	$118,715.07	$ 1,548,685.53

Schedule of Town Property

Date Acquired	Property & Map No.	Size	Value
1824	Town Hall & Land 18-43		$180,000
	Equipment		30,000
1890	Library & Land 17-7		179,500
	Equipment		47,000
	Police Equipment		25,000
1872	Village Fire Station		89,300
	Equipment		148,200
1917	Highway Dept. Land & Bldg.		23,200
	Equipment		121,000
	Parks, Commons & Playground		5,000
1953	Brick School, 17-82		155,000
	Equipment		2,000
	Annex		29,800
1973	Cemetery Tool House		5,300
	Equipment		6,000
	Rescue Equipment		35,000
1971	Baboosic Lake Land & Bldg. 24-13		50,000
	Equipment		3,000
	Town Sanitary Land Fill		2,120
1932	Baboosic Dump, 6-86		1,990
1974	Souhegan Land Fill, 8-9		85,000
1975	South Amherst Fire Station, 2-172/1		55,500
1904	Land for Village Courts		1,000
1977	Howard Cemetery		10,000
1977	Carey Development		1,000
1977	Jasper Valley Dev. Corp.		
1977	Sullivan		
1976	Thibodeau Land, 2-163	1A	3,000
	Conservation Land		
1969	Sherburne Lane, 2-145/3	10A	1,000
1970	Joe English Brook 10/2	77A	30,000
1974	20 Associates Land, 9-2	117A	40,000
1968	Odell Meadow, 5-152	47A	1,400
1970	Boissonault Land, 1-22/1	23A	8,500
1971	Plumb Land, 10-40/1	47A	4,300
1970	Erickson Land, 10-3	8A	1,440
1970	Bartlett Land, 4-55	2A	800
1974	Wilkins Land, 5-147 6-115	5.5A	200
1975	The Meadows Conservatn./Land	6A	3,500
1976	Ross Land, 6-112	9.8A	600
1978	Harding Memorial, 10-4	80A	55,000
1978	Addition to Plumb Forest 10-18-20A		13,600
1977	Carey Development, 4-52/54 10-11A		5,000

Tax Deeds

Date Acquired	Property & Map No.	Size	Value
1970	Brown Lot, at Lake	1A	$ 500
1959	Goodwin Building		100
1938	Melendy Lot, 4-16/1	2A	100
1965	White Lot, 4-16	1A	1,090
1957	Gelinas Land, 11-17	16A	960
1970	Broadway Lot, 24-11	.04A	2,330
1958	Brooks Land, 24-19	.14A	1,780
1973	Jones Lot, 2-26	1A	200
1971	Nash Land, 24-77 & 61		150
1974	Yankee Homes Land, 5-82	5A	500
1974	Yankee Homes Land, 5-170	3A	150
1974	Yankee Homes Land, 5-169	3A	100
1976	Sylvester Lot, 8-77/10	17.5A	15,600
1976	Currier Land, 2-115	6A	600
1976	Currier Land, 4-34/23	14A	1,200
1977	Cloutier, 6-65	1A	1,000
1979	Glover Lot, 2-146/55	.75A	2,900
1979	Glover Lot, 2-146/56	.75A	2,900
1979	Glover Lot, 2-146/57	.75A	2,900

Itemization of Qualifying Current Use, Acreages and Assessments

	No. of Owners	Acres
a/c Farm Land	55	1,133.69
a/c Wetland	47	553.75
a/c Flood Plain		
a/c Forest Land	71	2,634.80
a/c Recreational Land		
a/c Wild Land		
a/c Discretionary Easement	60	2,992.62

TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE OF LAND UNDER CURRENT USE $5,334,595.00

TAX RATES (Per Thousand)

Unit of Government	Rate
Municipal	$6.20
County	2.20
School	29.40
	$ 36.20
Amherst Village District	1.40

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST FIRE SERVICE

Forest Fire Prevention: Your Business, Our Business, Good Business. Forest Fire prevention slogans have been seen in association with Smokey Bear since the late nineteen forties when a national effort to check the spread of forest fires was implemented.

New Hampshire residents recognized that forest fire prevention and suppression was the responsibility of every citizen, half century before this national campaign, when our legislature established our first forest fire laws in 1903. Since that date, the State has appointed a town/city forest fire warden who is responsible for forest fire law enforcement in his municipality.

All fires kindled out of doors when there is no snow on the ground must be approved in writing by the forest fire warden before being kindled. All forest fires must be suppressed by the warden and his deputies as soon as they are reported. The cost of fire suppression is shared jointly by the town/city and the State of New Hampshire, as are forest fire prevention and forest fire training costs.

This state and local community cooperative forest fire program has given New Hampshire one of the best forest fire records in the United States.

Forest Fire Statistics 1980

	No. of Fires*	No. of Acres**
State	1,226	693
District	169	32
Town	21	4.18

* Includes Short Fire Reports
** Includes woods and grass

Respectfully submitted,

GILBERT TESTA, District Fire Chief
MARSHALL STRICKLAND, Forest Fire Warden

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

1980 marked the fifth year that the Selectmen functioned as a fivemember Board with Pixie Lown and Betty Arnold newly elected and Selectman Masten as Chairman.

1980 saw the beginning of the changeover from a calendar fiscal year to the July-June fiscal year. To accomplish this required an 18 month budget for the period January 1, 1980 to June 30, 1981. The changeover to absorb the costs of an 18 month operation was accomplished with a minimum of impact on the tax burden for 1980 due to the fiscal planning of the previous Board of Selectmen.

Our fiscal years are now the same as for the School, County and State.

Amherst as a community, its citizens and its local government have in various ways felt the impact of the current recession, inflation and high interest rates. Growth as measured by the increase in total net taxable property (which reflects the volume of new construction of residential, commercial and industrial properties) increased only 2.94 percent for 1979 over 1978 and the estimated increase for 1980 over 1979 will not exceed 3 percent.

The problem to hold the line on budgeted expenses, subject to the inflationary pressures, particularly for utilities, electricity and telephones, gasoline, diesel fuel, heating oil and tar products for highway use has been a challenge.

The increase in requests for welfare assistance in 1980 reflects the impact of a down turn in the job market and rising prices for staple goods. As of December 31, 1980 requests totaled 35 cases and expenditures exceeded the budget for the same period by more than $3,000. The outlook for a reduction in welfare assistance costs for 1981 is not optimistic.

Rising interest rates in 1979 and 1980 so far as they applied to borrowed funds has no effect on fiscal management of the town. The need to borrow in anticipation of tax receipts was terminated with the adoption of semi-annual tax collection in 1978. The cooperation of the School District provided a yearly cash flow chart of their monthly needs. Thus during the period of rising interest rates in 1979 and 1980, it was possible to plan an orderly investment and reinvestment of funds not needed to pay current bills. In 1979 the total return on invested funds was $98,465.83. For the same period in 1980 $140,656.38, and for the 18 month period will total approximately $200,000.

In the main, semi-annual tax collection resulted in invested income as a source of funds, which in total reduces the tax dollars to be raised in any budget year. Thus the invested income of $200,000 for the 18 month period would have an impact of reducing the tax rate by $1.52 per $1,000 of valuation.

Projects authorized at the last Town Meeting in March 1980 were completed during the year. The roof at Baboosic Lake Pavillion was replaced; Spalding Field renovations to provide two baseball fields were completed; a replacement

Fire Truck, aerial ladder type was ordered and delivery will be in early January, 1981; the contract for the construction of the Police/Rescue Building was negotiated within the framework of the appropriation which was not sufficient to complete the driveway, parking area and landscape.

Each year as we attempt to assess the problems that lie ahead we find that some of them have been pointed out by prior Boards of Selectmen whose recommendations were not accepted. Most problems do not go away with the result that the implementation of the solution becomes more costly.

We need to have a program for the orderly replacement of bridges, particularly on Boston Post Road South at the intersection with Route 122, Merrimack Road and Horace Greeley Road. These bridges are over fifty years old and limited to six tons. The Capital Reserve Fund to provide for orderly bridge replacement was established in 1979 and at the end of 1980 the fund totaled $120,000.

The continued steady growth of the industrial park is dependent upon the installation of a water system for fire protection. Efforts to resolve the problem have to date failed to find a method of financing. Cooperative efforts with the Merrimack Water District were withdrawn. Applications in 1980 for Grants or Loans from HUD and The Farmers Home Administration were not approved. The proposed use of the funds did not carry a high priority in a competitive rating with other communities. The need for the installation of a water system is of high priority in the overall best interests of the town. How it can best be financed will continue to be explored.

The need to reassess the valuation of Amherst taxable property is now with us. In 1974 the town was reassessed at 100 percent. Each year since then the annual analysis of sales to assessments indicate a drop from 100 percent. The Department of Revenue and Administration who make the official calculations indicate that Amherst equalized value is at 55 percent. This was a drop of 7 percent from 1979. Once we allow the equalized value to drop below 50 percent we might find ourselves penalized in the share of various state funds apportioned to towns by formulas. The cost of reassessing the town will be substantial - $80,000 to $100,000. We could cushion the tax bite by starting to set aside this year at least half.

In the not too distant future the need to provide an adequate modernized communication system for Fire, Police, and Ambulance will be necessary, part of which will be in cooperation with other neighboring towns. Studies are now in progress.

As the town grows so do the problems of providing service and Administration in all its forms. The need for more complete accounting, both fiscal and cost becomes essential. This will require installation and maintenance of a computer system adapted to the special needs of local government. This is a logical project for 1981.

The Government Study Committee was activated in 1980. It has completed its study and has filed its report which recommends the adoption of a Town Manager-Selectmen form of government. The details of their report are included with Town Reports for 1980.

A Personnel Committee was also activated and filed a tentative report with the Selectmen. Further review between the Committee and the Selectmen is in order before its acceptance and adoption.

The Brick School Study Committee filed its report with the Selectmen. The Committee was charged to determine how best a renovated building could be put to meet community needs as a community center.

The Library Trustees have indicated that the Library facilities are used up to capacity and that there is a need to expand their ability to service the adult needs. It has been proposed that the Brick School be completely renovated and be utilized 100 percent as a Library, and that the present Library be converted to community use. It now appears that further study is needed to determine if the costs to meet the proposed changes can be justified.

The need to provide moderate cost housing for the elderly and moderate income citizens of Amherst is a problem to which a solution must be found. It is imperative that it be addressed in 1981.

At the close of each year as we look back on the performance of town government, a major share of the credit for the accomplishments would go to the Fire Department and the Rescue Squad, who provide around the clock service; those who serve on various committees and commissions, all of whom give freely of their time; to our Staff and the employees of the Police and Highway Departments and others, all of whose combined services make Amherst a community of which we can be proud.

EDWARD C. MASTEN, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT

The responsibility to provide Welfare assistance to those who are unable to provide support for themselves has been mandated by the legislature at the local, county and state level.

At the local or town level, the administration of welfare assistance has been delegated to a Welfare Officer, often referred to as the Overseer of the Poor. The funds necessary to administer the local program are annually appropriated at Town Meeting.

Since 1976 Amherst has been operating within a set of guidelines prepared by a Committee composed of representatives of the New Hampshire Division of Welfare, County Welfare Administrators, Selectmen, Local Welfare Officers and the New Hampshire Legal Assistance.

The objectives of the use of guidelines is to insure that all applicants for assistance were treated in a uniform and consistent manner when a determination of eligibility and amounts and kinds of assistance is in order.

Contrary to general opinion, Amherst has a Welfare Assistance problem which has been increasing in size and scope during the past few years. The basic adverse economics has,without question, been responsible for the increase in requests for assistance during 1979 and in particular in 1980.

The need for assistance in Amherst comes from circumstances which are applicable to all levels of economic positions in the community.

The most common factors which bring on the need for assistance are as follows: marital problems which result in the breakup of the family are one of the major causes. In most cases the wife is left with the responsibility of trying to maintain the home and providing for the children, ranging in age and number. The impact of an accident or prolonged illness, which results in heavy medical expenses, which in turn has liquidated savings, coupled with the inability to continue employment creates a need for assistance. Loss of employment of one or both adult members of the family has been a major factor in 1980 for the growing need for help.

There are juvenile problems, the solution of which is most often beyond the ability or willingness of the parents to resolve. In such a situation the juvenile may become a ward of the Court or State and a cost liability to the town.

The law provides for the liability of and the recovery of charges for assistance from recipients by the Town responsible for providing assistance in various forms. However, in most cases there are limited or no assets to levy against.

One of the major problems in administering local welfare assistance in Amherst is the lack of rental housing at rates which fall within the guidelines. This is a problem to which a solution must be found if the total cost of welfare assistance is to be controlled.

Assistance granted by the County does not relieve the Town since such costs are part of the total County assessment. There is also Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Total or Partially Disabled. The costs are shared by the State, County and Town on a prorata basis.

EDWARD C. MASTEN, Welfare Officer

REPORT OF HIGHWAY AGENT

Winter Maintenance - Appropriation $131,025.00

The Winter Maintenance program covers all the Highway Department work from mid-November to mid-March. All snow and ice removal (25 storms) is charged to this account. We have cut the amount of rock salt which we apply to the roads and have increased the amount of sand. This does not give us a savings, since it requires more time to clean off the roads in the Spring. It also takes longer time before the roads are safe for travel during a storm. We ask the cooperation of Amherst residents in reducing their vehicle speed during the stormy season.

The town equipment consists of one grader, one tractor, six trucks and eight hired trucks with plows which we use for clearing and maintaining our roads. We give special attention to school bus routes, areas where children either wait for buses or walk to school. We also handle the snow removal at the Wilkins, Clark and Old Brick Schools, both Fire Stations, Library, Town Hall and some sidewalks in the Village.

The Winter Maintenance account also covers cutting trees and chipping brush during the winter months. Because we experienced a very open winter this year, we were able to remove many dead trees and spend a number of hours hand cutting and chipping brush. Some of the areas were: Boston Post Road, South and North, Stearns Road, Mack Hill Road, Bates Road, Upham Road, County Road, Rocky Hill Road, Cricket Corner Road, Thornton Ferry Road I, Old Manchester Road and Mont Vernon Road.

Summer Maintenance - Appropriation $63,832.00

All of our general maintenance work from mid-March to December 1 is covered under this account. This includes the grading and York raking of our 34 gravel roads several times during these months. We also spot gravel, maintain and replace culverts and install catch basins, cut banks and ditches, maintain shoulders throughout our black road system, machine and hand cut brush and trees, set posts and signs on all roads. In 1980 we spot graveled Upham Road, Austin Road, Brook Road, Pine Top Road, Schoolhouse Road, Dodge Road, Old Lyndeboro Road, Eaton Road, Sprague Road, Stockwell Road, East Side Drive. We installed catch basins on Brimstone Hill, Lord Jeffrey Drive, Border Street and two on Cross Road. We installed culverts on New Boston Road, Austin Road, Border Street, Spring Road, Thornton Ferry Road II, Old Lyndeboro Road, Mont Vernon Road and Ridgewood Drive.

During the Fall we clean out ditches, culverts and catch basins which takes approximately four weeks of our work schedule. This year, due to vandalism, the replacement of street name signs and posts were in excess of $1,000.00.

Oiling - Appropriation $68,260.00

In 1980 we used an emulsion, which does not pollute the environment but at the same time gives as durable a surface as previous materials used. The cost of this material for the resurfacing of roads was $38,486.10. These roads were: Thornton Ferry Road I, Boston Post Road, South, Thornton Ferry Road II, Veterans Road, Windsor Drive, Green Road, Warren Way, Jones Road, Woodland Drive, Buckridge Drive, Merrimack Road (west end), Aglipay Drive, Cricket Corner Road (east end), Cricket Hill and Town Crier Road, Highland Drive, Lord Jeffrey Drive, Junkins Lane, Nichols Road (west end), Northfield Road, County Road, Nathaniel Drive, Church Street, Sunset Avenue, Knight Street, Cross Street, Davis Lane, Carriage Lane.

Also included in this category is the cost of patching and sweeping of these roads, prior to oiling. We applied 2,350 gallons of waste oil to the gravel roads, where dust is a problem.

Town Road Aid - Appropriation $20,029.74

This program which originated in 1947 by the State was for the purpose of helping towns to improve their roads. The cost is funded 85% by the State and the balance raised by the town. The program is jointly supervised by the State and the Town. In 1980 we paved 4300' of Thornton Ferry Road II, 1700' of County Road and 1400' of Fields Farm Road.

Gas Subsidy - Appropriation $65,612.97

In 1971 the State initiated this program for the maintenance, construction or reconstruction of town roads. The funding of this program is 100% State contributed. During 1980 we completed the reconstruction of 1200' south on Old Manchester Road from the junction of Highland Drive as well as starting the reconstruction of an additional 1100' south on Old Manchester Road, which will be completed in 1981-82. On Pine Top Road we widened the curve and replaced a culvert and installed some catch basins. We replaced culverts on Boston Post Road, South, New Boston Road, Courthouse Road, Madison Lane, Upham Road, Eaton Road, Boston Post Road, North, and New Boston Road at the junction of Flanders Road. At the junction of Lake Road and Spring Road we upgraded the surface and on Pond Parish Road at the junction of Spring Road we cut the banks and applied some gravel.

Road Improvement - Appropriation $13,450.00

In 1980 we spent $14,715.22 for hot mix used in the shimming of Merrimack Road (west end), Thornton Ferry Road I, Buckridge Drive, Woodland Drive, parking area at the Town Hall, Carriage Road, Cross Street, Sunset Avenue, Knight Street, Church Street, Middle Street, Davis Lane, New Boston Road, Eaton Road, Lord Jeffrey Drive and the junction of 122. We have once again worked with the Amherst Village Water District on the shimming of several streets

in the village which involved their water lines, for which they paid $5,000 into this account. It is hoped that this joint program of shimming water mains will be continued in 1981-82.

Parks and Playgrounds - Appropriation $9,765.00

The work done under this category includes the maintenance of the Town Commons, the yard at the Old Brick School, Wilkins and Clark School grounds, two playgrounds as well as the Library. This covers the raking and gathering of leaves, mowing and trimming of grass, maintenance of park fences, collection of trash from the Commons as well as cut of trees. During the Summertime we provide trash barrels on the Commons as well as at the schools, which we feel has helped to keep the village areas picked up. We wish to thank everyone for their cooperation in making this program work.

Cemeteries - $10,424.00

There are four cemeteries in Amherst which we maintain - Meadowview Cemetery, the Old Cemetery located behind the Town Hall, Cricket Corner Cemetery, and Chestnut Hill Cemetery. The maintenance covers the raking, trimming, mowing of the cemetery as well as loaming and seeding many areas of Meadowview. In 1980 we made 15 burials in Meadowview.

When you are considering our budget for 1981-82 we want you to keep in mind the effect that inflation has on our budget due to the tremendous amount of petroleum based products which we must use to perform the maintenance and reconstruction of our roads. We are making every effort to give you good service as well as keeping the cost of our operation down. With this in mind, we have submitted a budget for 1981-82 with a 5.8% overall increase.

Your Highway Department Garage is located on Dodge Road. Our office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Our work day is from 6:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. During the months of June, July and August we anticipate that we will again be on a four day work week. During major storms, we try to have one of our personnel answering the telephone calls at 673-2317. The Road Agent's home telephone is 673-1293. Our staff consists of one road agent and nine regular employees, comprised of light equipment operators, heavy equipment operators, laborers and secretary. In addition, one summer employee when available funded under the College Work Study Program. We also employed two part-time laborers during the summer months.

In closing, I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen and the Road Commission for their help and guidance during 1980 and to the taxpayers of Amherst in supporting the Department's projects. We appreciate receiving your comments and suggestions on how your highway department can better serve you.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD G. CROCKER, Road Agent

ROAD COMMISSION REPORT

The Road Commission held their regular bi-monthly meetings on the third Thursday of each month beginning in February. Additionally, there were several meetings to work on the budget and address some immediate road problems of concern to the Commission.

We would like to note that there was only one road inspection made during the year. The road was put in by a developer in 1979 and the inspection constituted final approval. This is quite a departure from the dozen or more annual inspections made during past years.

The Highway Department Budget has increased 5.8% for the coming year. This relatively small increase can be attributed to two budgetary considerations. Firstly, the sand and gravel from the landfill site is at no cost to the town other than the labor involved. Secondly, the ten hour/four day work week employed during the summer months appears to produce proportionately more than the normal eight hour/five day work week over a given period of time. Additionally, there is one day less travel time to and from the road project each week.

There are two bridges in town that are of immediate concern to the Highway Department: the Merrimack Road bridge and the bridge at the intersection of the Boston Post Road (south) and Route 122.

These two bridges are in need of being replaced. The replacement of the Merrimack Road bridge has been voted down twice by the Town. Meanwhile, the replacement cost of this bridge escalates each year. If and when the Town votes for replacement and appropriates sufficient monies, it would be three years before construction is begun should we elect to apply for State aid.

With a delay of this magnitude in mind, we feel immediate action should be taken for the construction of new bridge rails at the two locations. In this regard, number one priority is replacement of the rails on the bridge at the intersection of Boston Post Road and Route 122. Currently 2" by 8" planks serve as bridge rails. Their safety factor is perhaps next to nil. The Highway Department has investigated the cost of beam guard rails (similar to those installed by the State Highway Department) with Type G terminal units. Installation of these rails on this bridge would require a reinforced concrete footing to support the steel posts. The cost of this project, 125 feet of bridge rails and approaches, has been estimated at $16,500. We would like to note that the major portion of such new installation could be reused when the bridge is being replaced in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

MERIC ARNOLD
STEPHEN DUGGAN
EVERETT LEACH

AMHERST FIRE DEPARTMENT

Annual Report 1980

The Department responded to 166 calls of which 4 were major structure fires as compared to 136 calls last year with 2 major structure fires.

AMHERST FIRE CALLS

Structure Fire	4	Oven	4
Smoke Investigation	9	Rubbish	2
Oil Burner	1	Camp	1
Car Fire	8	Rescue	1
False Alarm	26	Oil Spill	1
Chimney	36	Stump	1
Gas Wash	5	Gas Leak	1
Car Accident	2	Outdoor Grill	1
Tree Limb	5	Mill Yard	1
Brush	17	Stove	1
Grass	4	Stove Pipe	3
Dishwasher	1	Broken Sprinkler	1
Truck Fire	1	Pile of Leaves	1
Wood Pile	1	Paint in Road	1
Slab Pile	1		

Mutual Aid was received 10 times and supplied 25 times out of town.

The Amherst Fire Department is composed of four engine companies which man and equip two stations - Central Station in the Village and South Station on Stearns Road. Listed below are the stations, their equipment, officers and the number of calls to which each engine responded.

Central Station

Engine One: Responded to 117 calls
Captain David Hanlon
Lt. Tom Grella

Engine Two: Responded to 49 calls
Captain John Moorhouse
Lt. Walt Nelson

Engine Three: Responded to 132 calls
Captain Mike Riccitelli
Lt. Art McKinney

Engine Four: Responded to 30 calls
1977 International 4 Wheel Drive brush truck

Tanker One: Responded to 11 calls
A military vehicle which has water capacity of 2,000 gal.

South Station

Engine Five: Responded to 85 calls
Captain Fred Yunggebauer
LT. Willis Maloon

Tanker Two: Responded to 15 calls
A military vehicle which has water capacity of 2,000 gal.

Utility Van: Responded to 52 calls
A 1972 vehicle which is equipped with a cascade system and other equipment

To report a fire, dial 673-3131. This is the number of the Milford Communications Center which handles all fire calls for Amherst, 24 hours a day. Please give property owner's name, street name, house number and the town when reporting a fire.

A combined drill with all companies is held the first Monday of each month. Each company holds a practice drill on one of the following Mondays of that month with a Fire Ward in attendance.

A 100' aerial ladder truck is due for delivery in early 1981. This will take the place of our present Engine 2.

The Fire Wards wish to thank members of the four engine companies for all their time and efforts in 1980. Also, our thanks to the Board of Selectmen, Barbara Landry, Margaret Drobat and the people of Amherst for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

MARSHALL STRICKLAND, Chief
RICHARD G. CROCKER, 1st Assistant Chief
DAVID HERLIHY, JR., 2nd Assistant Chief

DIRECTOR OF CIVIL PREPAREDNESS

The Department of Civil Preparedness has been working to prepare for the move of the Emergency Operations Center from the Brick School to the new Police-Rescue-Civil Preparedness Facility. Due to the relocation of three of the Town's Emergency departments (Police, Rescue, Civil Preparedness), and a 43% reduction in space for the Emergency Operations Center, the Emergency Operations Plan must be rewritten to incorporate these changes and utilize the new facility to its fullest potential.

We are again asking for volunteers to help with public information, communications, shelter, and as clerks.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY E. MASTON, Director
Civil Preparedness

AMHERST RESCUE SQUAD

1980 provided no significant change in the overall number of calls. A total of 337 requests for assistance were answered, broken down as follows:

Calls to scene	250
Transfers (between medical facilities)	47
Transports (home to hospital or hospital to home)	5
Standby at Fires	2
Standby at public events	18
Other Medical Activities	15

There were 41 calls to Mont Vernon and 6 mutual aid calls to surrounding towns. Squad members also demonstrated the vehicles and equipment to 7 interested Amherst organizations.

The Squad is well equipped to provide ambulance and vehicle extrication rescue services to both Amherst and Mont Vernon. The equipment necessary for these services is on hand and the 41 Amherst and Mont Vernon residents who comprise the Squad membership are well trained. Each contributes over a thousand hours a year without compensation.

During 1980 the Board of Selectmen determined that the Squad should be the Town department responsible for other type of rescue such as ice and water rescues and rescues from heights. Training in those areas has begun on a scale and as funds for specialized equipment become available both training and the Squad's ability to perform these operations will increase.

There is a continuing need for new members and any Amherst or Mont Vernon resident interested in becoming a member may contact any present Squad member for additional information.

The Squad wishes to thank all of the Townsfolk for their support of the construction of the new facility. We look forward to having our own quarters and the improvements that will enable us to provide better service. If you wish to see our facility, contact any Squad member or just drop by the building and see if any member is there. If so, they will be glad to show you around.

Respectfully submitted,

GUSTAV JUST, Chief
MARCIA HOUCK, Deputy Chief
DIANE FITZPATRICK, Captain-Ambulance
RICHARD DiSCIULLO, Captain-Rescue
PEG JONES & ELEANOR REINHOLD, Lieutenants-Ambulance
RALPH ANDERSON & BARBARA CHRANE, Lieutenants-Rescue
KATHY SULLIVAN, Secretary

AMHERST POLICE DEPARTMENT
1980
Police Roster

Chief John T. Osborn, Jr.

Sgt. Steven C. Sexton
Officer David Bode
Officer Patrick Doherty
Officer Steven Kemp
Officer Peter Lyon
Officer Gary MacGuire
Officer Harold Wheeler
Officer Michael White

Special Officers

Kathryn Bachman
Walter Buchholz
Nancy Demers
Albert Junkins
Norman LaFlamme
Robert McHatton
Patricia Mellett
Lyn Sickler

Resigned During 1980

Officer Richard Dolan - became Chief of Loudon
Special Officer Nancy Chase
Special Officer William York

Incidents reported to Police in 1980:

7	Abandoned Vehicles	10	Lost or Stolen Plates
456	Alarms	95	Medical Assist
242	Arrests	83	Miscellaneous
6	Assaults	21	Missing Persons
183	Assist Motorist	254	Mutual Aid
7	Bad Checks	100	Motor Vehicle Complaints
94	Burglaries	35	Nuisance Calls
256	Criminal Mischief	3	OHRV Complaints
25	Criminal Trespass	332	Open Doors
5	Death Reports	107	Pistol Permits
36	Disturbances	10	Prowler
15	Disabled Motor Vehicles	6	Recovered Stolen Cars
398	Dog Complaints	3	Returned Property
56	Escort	9	Stray Livestock
81	Fire Calls	101	Suspicious vehicles/person
82	Found Property	161	Theft
886	Incidents	4	Towed Vehicles
138	Juvenile Detentions	92	Transfers
4	Lost Property		

4,402 Incidents in 1980	3,593 Incidents in 1976
5,234 Incidents in 1979	2,737 Incidents in 1975
4,723 Incidents in 1978	2,058 Incidents in 1974
4,371 Incidents in 1977	1,064 Incidents in 1973

National statistics indicate crime is on the increase. Whether this is attributed to the economy or a change in attitudes, Amherst has not been immune. There was a dramatic increase in burglaries this past year. Apprehension of several individuals cannot replace the articles which are never recovered. With gold and silver prices skyrocketing such articles become prime targets In an attempt to combat crime, security surveys of your home are performed upon request and recommendations made to reduce accessibility. Unfortunately most requests are made after the fact instead of prior to the home being entered.

Our Officer Bill programs are to be expanded so as to include children in the Middle School. This will consist of safety programs ie, bicycle, pedestrian, and off highway recreation vehicles.

Once again I request reinstatement of the Cadet (Summer Employment) program. Members of the Amherst Police Explorer Post are of the age eligible to participate. Post experience proves this to be instrumental in creating positive relations between youth and the local police. Seven of nine prior cadets have pursued the law enforcement field.

Good Morning Amherst has been in existance for over a year. This program designed for invalids or the elderly has not been utilized as much as we had hoped for. 11 participants check with us daily assuring that they are well. If you live alone, please contact us and enroll.

To retain one officer per 1000 population, I have requested an additional officer in this years budget. This addition will allow the creation of a full time detective juvenile officer which is essential. Under present manning it is impossible to devote the time necessary to properly investigate burglaries or other offenses without relinquishing patrols.

All members of the department are impatient to move into the new facility. Just anticipating working in a functional facility is evident in morale and enthusiasm. We thank you for your support.

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Amherst Highway Safety Committee consists of the following members:

John T. Osborn, Jr. - Chief of Police
Marshall Strickland - Fire Chief
Gustav Just - Chief of Rescue
Richard Crocker - Road Agent
Roy Maston - Civil Preparedness
Peter Wells - Selectman
Robert Prew - Citizen
Joseph H.S. Hoag - School Board Member

Five street light installations for illumination of hazardous intersections were completed:

Blueberry Hill & Route 101
Truell Road & Route 101A
Boston Post Road & Route 122
Courthouse Road & Route 122
Merrimack Road & Route 122

The latest tentative dates for the 101A/122 project are as follows:

Advertise for bids	January 27, 1981
Award Contract	3 weeks
Start Project	Spring 1981
Completion Date	October 1, 1982

DOG OFFICER'S REPORT

There was a total of 1271 dogs licensed in Amherst in 1980. Dog complaints declined from 460 in 1979 to 398. There were 111 dogs impounded at Nottingham Kennels because they were found running at large with no tags or their owners could not be located at the time. For dogs unclaimed after 7 days, every effort is made to find them a new home, thus only five were taken to the Nashua Humane Society for disposal. Fines paid to the town for violations of the dog control law amounted to $562.00.

There were 13 complaints of dogs chasing livestock. The owners of the dogs involved are responsible for their actions and any damages done will be borne by them. If caught in the act, the dogs can be destroyed.

20 dogs were struck by automobiles. Again, the dog owner is responsible for any damages done to the vehicle or its occupants should the dog create an accident. The driver of the vehicle is not responsible.

15 people reported being bitten by dogs. Among those involved were children,joggers, and delivery men.

Dogs creating a nuisance were responsible for 350 complaints. These included barking dogs, trash complaints, and various other problems. Many are resolved on a neighbor to neighbor basis. There were 9 orders of abatement placed on dogs that were habitual problems.

I am pleased to see a reduction in the number of complaints again this year indicating that most dog owners are making an extended effort in the control of their animals.

NANCY DEMERS, Dog Officer

AMHERST RECREATION COMMISSION

The Recreation Commission sponsors a wide variety of recreation activities for Amherst residents. In 1980 new and old programs were enjoyed by a large majority of the population.

One of the largest ARC services to the community is the Baboosic Lake program. A total of 1291 season memberships, representing 322 families, were sold in 1980. At the same time 1090 guests visited the popular Town beach facility during the ten week summer season.

Extracurricular Baboosic activities continued to be popular. Three sessions of American Red Cross swim instruction attracted 502 students. Seven staff members were involved in the program which included toddlers through advanced swimmers.

Thirty-nine swimmers received extra experience as members of the Baboosic Lake Swim Team. The team participated in a full schedule of competitive meets which included the N. H. State and Milford Rotary meets held at the end of each summer. Seventy youngsters participated in a six week Arts and Crafts program run in conjunction with the swim lessons.

A new American Red Cross Canoe Safety program was introduced in 1980. Two separate courses were conducted for youths and adults. Both proved to be very successful.

A record 1271 Amherst boys and girls participated in 1980 Youth Sports programs including Baseball (413), Softball (164), Soccer (384), Basketball (206), and a popular new program in Track (104).

Thanks to the efforts of an active and concerned Field Advisory Committee, specifications were drawn up which led to the renovation of Spalding Field. This was the first step in long range planning to upgrade and find new field facilities for town recreation programs.

ARC Youth Sports programs may be temporarily impaired for a year with both Spalding and Middle School fields undergoing renovation. In the end, however, they will be better as a result of the work being done. Finding temporary field space for 1981 Baseball, Softball, and Soccer programs is a top priority for your Recreation Commission.

The Amherst Outing Club attained a record membership in 1980 with 59 family and 25 individual memberships accounting for 279 people being involved in Club affairs. The Second Annual Outing Club Show drew a large crowd for the full day of exhibitions and demonstrations. Other activities during the year included rock climbing, bicycling, hiking, bird walks, canoeing, and astronomy workshops.

The Adult Enrichment (formerly Education) program attracted 204 people. Eighteen faculty members offered 22 courses during fall and winter semesters.

As in the past Adult Sports programs in Volleyball and Basketball, the annual Ski and Skate Swap, and spring and summer tennis instruction were additional activities sponsored by the Recreation Commission.

The ARC continues at all times to review and develop programs and activities for Amherst residents following the basic philosophy that those who choose to become involved will be assured the opportunity to participate on an equitable basis regardless of individual abilities.

There is a never ending list of people who make things happen in Amherst Recreation to whom the ARC is very grateful; School District officials and custodians for their cooperation when school facilities are needed, Camp Young Judea for use of its soccer field last fall, the Amherst Highway Department personnel for helping hands during the four seasons, Baboosic Lake volunteers who organized the beach concession and assisted at swim meets, and the multitude of fathers and mothers who annually give of themselves as coaches and officials in the Youth Sports programs.

To all our thanks and gratitude.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM AGNEW, Chairman
PETER ASHWORTH
BOB FOSTER
SALLY HARRINGTON
SHARLA KURZ

REPORT OF TOWN GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE

The Town Government Study Committee voted unanimously to recommend the adoption of the Town Manager form of government, as outlined in Chapter RSA 37. The Committee has spent many hours studying Amherst's town government and comparing it with other communities in the Southern New Hampshire Area.

We established a hypothesis and model for the Town Manager form of government and then spent a great deal of time seeing how it would fit into our community. In doing this, we talked to key department heads within the town. In addition, we went outside the town and talked with Town Managers and elected officials in Exeter, Derry, Londonderry and Merrimack.

Amherst is fortunate to have dedicated and competent town officials and department heads. It is, however, this Committee's duty to look into the future and try to determine the needs of the town government out into the 80's. Let's follow the time of implementing an effective Town Management form of government. Assume that, at the March 1981 Town Meeting, the electorate voted in favor of the Town Management form of government. It would take a minimum of six months to draw up job specifications; and, working through the New Hampshire Municipal Association, search, and finally, select the appropriate Town Manager. By the time he is in place, it would be the beginning of 1982. This is past the budget planning time for a new Town Manager to have any effect in

that area. In addition, we are told it takes approximately a year for a Town Manager to become completely effective in terms of what the community wants, what the Board of Selectmen want, etc. We are, therefore, looking into the beginning of 1983 before an effective Town Management form of government is in place. If, for some reason, the electorate turns down this form of government the first time, and it is put on the ballot in 1982, it would be 1984 before an effective Town Management form of government was in place. In other words, acting now will not give us an effective Town Management form of government until "the mid 80's".

The Committee feels that a competent professional Town Manager could greatly enhance the future operations of the town, possibly in a somewhat different manner from other communities that utilize the Town Manager form of government. We are listing, therefore, what we feel are the benefits that could be derived from this form of government.

1. A professional Manager could concentrate on the development of our industrial area. This may involve the development of a water system to support and attract industry to the zoned area to the benefit of the tax base.

2. An experienced professional Town Manager could be invaluable in the area of writing and attracting grants and outside funding to the town for capital improvement projects. A water system for the industrially zoned area could be a possible example.

3. The Town Manager would supervise budgetary planning with ongoing review and follow-up.

4. A Town Manager would supervise financial planning and cash management.

5. The Town Manager could work on long range plans with regard to the town's equipment needs and utility needs. Long range planning in this regard allows for the orderly flow of capital investment in the community, based on priorities approved by the town.

6. The Town Manager would act in a capacity of "General Manager" of the town operations. In this regard, all department heads would report to the Town Manager. He would be the coordinator and communicator between the departments.

7. The Town Manager could coordinate the activities of the office of Selectmen.

8. The Town Manager would see that personnel policies as well as other standard policies, were properly implemented and fairly dealt with.

9. The Town Manager would coordinate activities of volunteer citizens' commissions, boards and committees.

Town Government is becoming increasingly more complex, due to rules and regulations forced upon us by state and federal agencies. The increased complexity of town government demands more of the Selectmen's time. A Town Manager could weed through, and monitor, regulations to alleviate the tremendous work load placed upon the Selectmen.

The Town of Amherst will continue to grow through the 80's. This growth will mean larger budgets, a demand and strain on town services, and a demand and strain on town

elected officials and personnel. This Committee feels that, implementing the Town Management form of government will allow us to keep order and management of town government affairs in the future.

The Committee stands ready to support this recommendation during 1981 in the form of public meetings, discussions with citizen groups or in any other action that would help the community make an objective decision.

We, therefore, ask that the Board of Selectmen support the Town Manager form of government as outlined in Chapter RSA37 and place on the ballot at the March 1982 Town Meeting an article asking for the adoption of this form of Town Government.

Respectfully submitted,

DANA POWERS, Chairman
DAVE RAMSAY
AL HUEBNER
SAM KLEIN
RONALD BERLACK

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL POLICY COMMITTEE

Acting on the resolution of the 1980 Town Meeting which charged: "...develop a uniform personnel policy and salary administration for the Town and School District employees...", this Committee researched the current practices of the Town and School District in personnel, salary and employee relations in order to identify areas requiring improvement to these ends. This study was done by comparing Amherst's practices with towns and businesses in the area who hire employees for similar jobs.

Our goal has been to draw up policies that would be as simple, direct and workable as possible for the purpose of maintaining good relations and equitable pay for our town employees.

We have developed a written personnel policy, a salary compensation plan, a set of job descriptions, and the charter of an on-going Personnel Advisory Board. The personnel policy covers the gamut of employee relations including employment practices, work days and overtime, vacations, holidays, sick days, bonus, performance appraisal and benefits. It is intended to be used by the Board of Selectmen and department heads as a document of common understanding. It is designed to be easily maintained and updated through the use of loose leaf binder and dated pages. A salary compensation plan has been established to insure fairness, consistency and flexibility in the pay of all employees in the various departments. The plan has the capability to allow for the progression of an employee in his/her job, accommodate changes in a job, and the plan itself can be updated as necessary. The concept of merit increases based on performance evaluation has been introduced. A position description has been created for each type of job so that the major responsibilities are clear to all. Written description also aids in training, performance evaluation, comparing duties with similar jobs in other towns for salary survey purposes. In order to relieve the Board of Selectmen of the time burden required in analysis and development of detailed personnel policies and their continuing administration, we recommend the creation of a Personnel Advisory Board. This Board would review, develop, update and propose personnel changes and actions to the Board of Selectmen for decision and further direction. Such proposals would be made on a continuing basis as deemed necessary and appropriate.

We are urging the townspeople to adopt a resolution to this matter which will be proposed at the Town Meeting, March 1981.

Respectfully submitted,

ANN D. SNOW, Chairman
DAN LEONARD
PAUL RAYMENT
B. P. SMITH
ANN WILLIS

MASTER PLAN
AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOVEMBER 1980

I. Introduction

Amherst is located in one of the fastest growing areas in the United States. Southern New Hampshire represents a most desirable combination of living close to well-paying employment while allowing residents to "get back to the land", a desire felt more and more strongly as urban and suburban living loses its appeal. The pressure to grow is intense.

Since 1960 the town has grown from 2,000 to about 10,000. This rapid multiplication by five in just twenty years has placed severe strains on town services and on the ability of citizens to pay the spiralling costs of those services. To some, the quality of life has diminished as the town has changed. This revised Master Plan, updated from its predecessors of 1962 and 1975, is intended to provide guidance to the officials and citizens of the town, and those interested in future development in the town to manage future growth in accordance with common goals and purposes which a majority of the townspeople have agreed to be desirable.

Amherst is unique. In formulating a Master Plan, this uniqueness must be recognized and preserved. Of all the towns in this region, Amherst has evolved over two centuries into a very special place, unlike any other community in several important ways. In its heyday, before the Industrial Revolution, Amherst was the social and political center of a primarily agricultural and hand crafted society. In those early days the pace of life was slower. The sense of community was greater. As the town evolved, its character and traditions were formed under conditions very different from those in which the mill towns, the railroad towns, the manufacturing towns in the vicinity later evolved during the Industrial Revolution. One needs only to walk through the historic village center at any season of the year to sense the unique character of this town. One needs only to stand at the top of any of the seven hills of Amherst on a clear day to sense the open rural beauty of the town as a whole.

It is these unique characteristics which attract people to Amherst. Ironically, unplanned growth threatens to destroy the very things which attracted so many people to Amherst in the first place. A further important consideration in the planning process is the financial one. How can we preserve the Town's uniqueness while providing all the services our citizens expect, and still afford to live here?

The Master Plan for Amherst must be based on:

(a) the physical and natural characteristics of the terrain,
(b) the historical evolution of the town to date,
(c) the expressed desires of the townspeople, and
(d) the fiscal realities of increasing costs and higher taxes in the face of continued rapid growth.

II. Purposes

This Master Plan is created to provide a blueprint for action. Unless translated into action, the plan will fail. The plan presupposes action, both public and private, which will preserve those characteristics of the town which should be maintained, while minimizing those effects of rapid growth which the townspeople agree are undesirable. The Master Plan is designed to channel further development into those areas of town whose topography soil types, drainage, slope, water supply, and other features of terrain can best support development.

It is the purpose of the Plan to preserve and protect open space, waterways, and scenic areas for the enjoyment and wellbeing of all citizens.

It is the purpose of the Plan to preserve and protect the Historic Village District and its approaches so that a gem of colonial American architecture will be available for the edification of future generations.

It is the purpose of the Plan to ensure the health and vitality of the community by encouraging a diversity of people, a variety of age groups of different interests, backgrounds and economic levels.

It is the purpose of the Plan to enhance the unity of community spirit and to encourage citizen participation in the affairs of the town.

It is the purpose of the Plan to encourage development which protects the environment and which also provides a tax base which is both affordable and sufficient to meet the financial needs of the town.

In short, the purpose of the Master Plan is to undertake actions necessary to achieve those major goals for the Town which are agreed to be desirable by a majority of its citizens.

III. Goals

There are six major planning goals which are achievable and which, if achieved, will begin to fulfill the purposes enumerated above. These are:

1. Preserve and enhance the small town character of Amherst and its unique colonial village center.
2. Preserve and protect the open, rural character of the land, as well as its natural and scenic resources.
3. Encourage a vital community composed of a variety of types of people who feel a strong sense of community spirit.

4. Encourage a diversity of housing opportunities and housing types.
5. Minimize unsightly strip development along the Town's major roads.
6. Encourage the development of clean, non-polluting industries and small, attractive commercial activity in those zones where such activities are permitted.

IV. Progress Since 1975

In the five years since the 1975 Master Plan was issued, considerable progress has been made toward the six major goals. It is important to note that the basic purposes stated in Section II and major goals stated in Section III remain unchanged. Since 1975 the town has:

1. Enacted an Open Space Development Plan,
2. Enacted more definitive industrial, commercial, and limited commercial zones, including a small centrally located shopping center,
3. Established scenic setbacks on major roads,
4. Established environmental setbacks on major waterways,
5. Established watershed protection regulations,
6. Established new floodplain boundaries to conform to U. S. Government surveys,
7. Voted to approve an open space policy which sets the goal to maintain in open space one half of the Town's remaining developable land,
8. Established an open space fund to purchase easements, development rights, or land as required to implement the open space policy,
9. Established a Town Trail system,
10. Established the Amherst Land Trust,
11. Enacted the Northern Rural Zone to encourage lower density in the largely undeveloped northern one third of town,
12. Retarded development in the eastern area of town until roads and accesses can be upgraded there,
13. Rebuilt the bridge over the Souhegan River on the Boston Post Road, the principal route of access to the eastern area, and improved roads to accommodate future development in the eastern area,
14. Authorized a number of multiple family dwellings in areas where soil, water and drainage conditions permit,
15. Located copious supplies of water in the industrial zone, and
16. Created a series of Town Maps and overlays, all on a common scale, which depict natural and man-made characteristics of the town in a format most suitable for future planning.

Thus, it can be demonstrated that all of the immediate actions recommended in the 1975 Master Plan have been implemented and many of the longer range objectives have been addressed as well.

V. Current Needs as of 1980

Despite these accomplishments, not all of the actions taken have reached the goals sought. Furthermore, changed conditions in the town, state, nation and world since 1975 require a new look at ways to achieve the basic purposes and goals of the plan. Town planning needs as yet unresolved, or not fully resolved, as of 1980, include the following:

1. The Area Agreement, whereby Amherst sends its high school students to the Milford Area High School, is due to expire in 1986. There are strong indications that the Agreement will not be renewed on terms satisfactory to both Amherst and Milford. Therefore, Amherst may be forced to build its own high school, to be ready for occupancy by September 1986. The cost, timing, debt, location, quality and personnel of a new high school will affect everyone's tax bill almost immediately, and the well-being of our high schoolers for their lifetime. Alternatives to an Amherst High School should be explored now.
2. Despite efforts to encourage a variety of housing types, including higher density elderly housing authorized in our rural and northern rural zones, only minimal progress has been made to provide smaller housing units. Market demand for large houses in Amherst by families who want to take advantage of our excellent schools, and the high cost of developable land have combined to thwart efforts to establish housing for the elderly even though our present zoning encourages it. Amherst is still unable to offer smaller, more economical and energy-efficient housing units to our elderly citizens who no longer need or want a four-bedroom house on two acres. We are still unable to offer rental or lower cost housing for young couples or singles who work in Amherst.
3. The entire spectrum of issues affected by energy and its availability must be viewed differently than the perspective of the 1962 or 1975 Master Plans. Goals which seemed to be in the desirable category only five years ago may prove to be essential life-savers in an energy-scarse future. These issues include:
    (a) The conservation of farm land and the right to farm so that we can grow more of our own food to reduce dependence on food imported from California and Florida. Both of those states are growing at rates which indicate that they will no longer be able to export food by the turn of the century even if oil-dependent fertilizer and shipping costs were not a factor.

(b) The American Dream of a beautiful home on a large lot with a separate bedroom for each family member has become a reality for many people in Amherst. However, it must be recognized for what it is: the most wasteful use of scarse land, scarse energy, and scarse building materials of all living styles today. Commuting distances to good jobs, dependence on cars for almost all activities, long stretches of expensive town roads, consumption of energy to heat and cool, all cumulatively pile up a wasteful energy budget which we may not be able to afford until cheaper substitutes for oil come along. Multiple family housing, properly planned and located, may be the only affordable alternative.

(c) The Open Space Plan and Trail System, which seemed desirable but somewhat extravagant dreams only five years ago, may now prove to be necessities in an energy-scarse society. If the Open Space Plan helps to preserve farmland and the Trail System reduces our dependence on cars and school buses by encouraging safe walking and bicycling, they will help reduce our dependence on imported food and oil.

4. Although the availability of plentiful water in the industrial zone has been demonstrated, the pumping, storage, and distribution system has not been developed. The question of long-term water rights is unanswered. The means of financing a water district are yet to be determined, whether the system is a public or private one. Until water pressure is available to serve sprinkler systems for fire protection, the full potential of the industrial zone will not be realized because, without sprinkler systems, fire insurance rates are prohibitive.

5. The cost of major capital expenditures has increased because of rapid population growth coupled with inflation and the high cost of borrowing. These factors have combined to emphasize the importance of a Capital Improvement Plan. This Capital Improvement Plan is linked to other needs such as a possible new high school, improved roads to present low-density areas, a water district in the industrial zone, new town facilities for police, rescue and fire protection, the repair of older over-stressed bridges, etc. The preparation and implementation of a Capital Improvement Plan is a high priority of this Master Plan.

6. As the town grows and much of the best land for development is consumed by house lots, the remaining developable land becomes relatively more difficult to develop because of its more severe terrain, soil types, drainage, and fresh water availability. Thus, it becomes more difficult for the Planning Board and the Zoning Administrator to evaluate and pass judgment on proposed developments. However, two significant legal decisions since 1975, one at the state level and one at the federal level, have strengthened the hand of Planning Boards which have planned for growth while protecting the environment. In Beck V. Raymond, the State Supreme Court ruled that towns may not arbitrarily stop growth, but with a well-reasoned and comprehensive Master Plan and a Capital Improvement Plan, a town can establish a reasonable and affordable growth rate in order to provide the services necessary for the health and welfare of its citizens. In Agins et ux. vs. the City of Tiburon (Calif), the U. S. Supreme Court established that zoning to protect the environment does not necessarily constitute a taking of land without compensation, even though the value of the land may be reduced by such zoning. The ruling further stated that in their decisions, Planning Boards and other municipal officials rightfully should consider the environmental impact of proposed developments when deciding to approve or disapprove them.

7. As the cost of gasoline continues to rise, and the need is recognized to conserve fuel to reduce dependence on imported petroleum, more Amherst commuters will be car pooling, van pooling, and seeking public transportation when that becomes available. Plans should be made now to set aside community parking areas at locations adjacent to the main arteries through town to encourage townspeople to commute efficiently and conveniently in groups rather than individually, one commuter per car.

8. Plans should be continued to develop the town at such a rate and density that a municipal sewage disposal system will not be required in the forseeable future, if ever. Lessons learned from the experience of other rapidly growing communities indicate that good planning can avoid the requirement for a municipal sewer system if the building density, soil types, water shed areas, aquifiers, and ground water are carefully considered in all development plans.

9. Inflation and the higher cost of borrowing money together have imposed a severe burden on towns and taxpayers to pay for education facilities, roads, police and fire protection and other essential services. Every new development should be designed, evaluated and assessed so as to pay for its own way in taxes vs. cost of services. It is recognized that this balance cannot be achieved in every case. There are too many variables involved, not the least of which is the number of families with school-aged children who move into new developments as well as into older existing homes. However, the fact should be recognized that almost every family with one or more children in public school represents a tax loss which must be made up by other tax-paying families and businesses which pay more in taxes than they receive in town services. Single family homes with four or five bedrooms which are the norm in Amherst, generally attract large families, particularly to a town known to have good schools. Consequently, large single-family houses do not generally pay their own way.

VI. Summary of Planning Requirements as of 1980

The foregoing nine unresolved needs of the town can be summarized as follows:

1. The need to build a new high school, or to make arrangements with Milford to continue a mutually satisfactory joint venture, or to seek other alternatives.

2. The need to provide smaller, less costly housing units for the elderly and young singles and couples without children.

3. The need to reassess future land use in light of an energy-scarce economy.

4. The need to provide water service to the industrial zone.

5. The need to develop a town Capital Improvement Plan.

6. The need to establish a reasonable and affordable growth rate within the goals and purposes of this Master Plan.

7. The need to establish community parking areas at major arteries through town to encourage car pooling, van pooling, and bussing.

8. The need to plan future developments in such a way that a municipal sewer system can be avoided.

9. The need to achieve a balance between types of development, the rate of growth, the ability of the land to support development, and the ability of the taxpayers to pay the costs of development.

VII. Implementation

A Master Plan is a blueprint for action. Actions should be taken to implement the Plan. Furthermore, the Plan should undergo constant scrutiny and, if necessary, revision to assure that the desired purposes are served and that the desired goals are being achieved. The tools for the implementation of the Master Plan include the Amherst Zoning Ordinance, the Subdivision Regulations, the Non-residential Site Plan Regulations, the Capital Improvement Plan, the town tax maps, the town road maps, the Wetlands and Floodplain District maps, the soils maps, the hydrology, slopes, elevation and development suitability maps, and the Open Space Development Plan. Indeed, this Master Plan is embodied in all of those documents and changes thereto. While the overall purposes and goals of the Master Plan will remain constant, it is envisioned that the tools of implementation will continue to be refined as more work and study are performed, and will be changed from time to time to accommodate to changing times.

The specific actions required to implement the 1980 Master Plan derive from the needs summarized in Section VI. They are:

1. Determine as early as possible the alternatives to provide schooling for our expanding high school population, and work with the School Board and other town boards to provide the resources in land, buildings, personnel and funds for the optimum alternative.

2. Establish characteristics of land which can support higher density housing to provide a limited number of smaller, less costly, and more energy-efficient units for those elderly residents of Amherst and those younger people who work in Amherst and who need smaller quarters. As a goal, such units should comprise about 10% of the total housing units in town.

3. Reinforce the present policies which maintain open space, including the policy of maintaining one-half the remaining developable land in open space, continuing the policy of current use assessment, continuing to appropriate funds to purchase conservation easements, development rights, or land in fee simple, and providing incentives to keep farms in operation and woodlots in fuel production.

4. Develop a water district for the industrial zone in a way which is economical for the town and retains for the town long-term rights to the water supply to satisfy future needs

5. Coordinate with other town bodies to prepare a Capital Improvement Plan.

6. Establish a growth rate for the town which provides an economically sound expanding tax base and for which the taxpayers can afford to provide essential services. While the growth rate for the Nashua region as a whole has been about 4% per year for the past 15 years, Amherst has grown at about 8% per year or twice the rate of the surrounding region. As the town approaches 10,000, the rate of increase has dropped but the absolute increase continues. As a goal, the rate of population increase in Amherst should approximate the rate of the region as a whole so that we absorb our fair share of newcomers but do not continue to grow at twice the rate of the eleven surrounding towns of the Nashua region.

7. Identify and set aside paved parking areas adjacent to main highways or near the intersections of main arteries to encourage car pooling, van pooling and commuter busses.

8. Continue to plan the density of development in conjunction with the physical characteristics of the land to avoid the need for a municipal sewage disposal system.

9. Continue to anticipate the current and future needs of the town to achieve a balanced land use program which accomplishes the goals of this Plan at an affordable tax rate.

VIII. Certification

The Amherst Planning Board certifies to the town that the foregoing is the official Master Plan of the Town of Amherst as of this date.

November 1, 1980

JAMES SHILDNECK, Chairman
DOUGLAS KIRKWOOD, Vice Chairman
OLIVER HAYES, Secretary
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CHARLES VARS, Member
MARILYN PETERMAN, Member
PETER WELLS, Member, ex.
ROGER SMITH, Alt. Member
RICHARD LEFEBVRE, Alt.Mem.

PLANNING BOARD

In 1981 the Planning Board completed the preparation of a Master Plan which is reproduced in its entirety in this Town Report. Detailed in that Plan are a number of unresolved needs of the Town which will be addressed by the Planning Board in 1981. Along with the specific needs outlined in the Plan, there is an ongoing project to revise the Zoning Ordinances to implement these specific needs and to remove inconsistencies and outdated provisions from these ordinances. It is expected that these proposed revisions will be the subject of a separate Town Meeting after the regular Town Meeting in March 1981.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES SHILDNECK, Chairman
DOUGLAS KIRKWOOD, Vice-Chairman
OLIVER HAYES, Secretary
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ROGER SMITH, Alternate
RICHARD HEINEKE, Alternate

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

An Amherst Zoning Ordinance was first adopted on March 12, 1946. Its stated purpose was "...to promote health, safety, prosperity and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Amherst...".

Thirty-five years has occasioned many changes in both the zoning ordinance and in the town, and whether one feels that the change has been to the good or to the bad, the original intent, in my opinion, is still a valid one. The zoning ordinance, as amended over the years, could be considered the nucleus of that ever elusive master plan.

I am again this year, urging the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance to substitute a requirement for final plot plans upon completion of new structures (in place of the current requirement that bounds be set prior to issuance of a building permit). This requirement would make available a precise, permanent record of the location on a lot, of building/s, septic system/s, well/s, and lot boundary markers.

Report for the Year 1980

Permits Applied for:	Permits Issued	Permits Issued Value
New Residences	43	$4,332,900
New Commercial-Industrial	6	620,000
Addition-Alteration/Residential	200	977,465
Addition-Alteration/Commercial-Indust.	13	369,225

Permits Applied for:	Permits Issued	Permits Issued Value
Public Buildings	1	$200,000
Signs	7	2,663
Home Occupations	5	--
Earth Removal	-	--
Oil Burners (other than new buildings)	6	3,500
Totals	281	$6,505,753

	Z.A.	B.I.
Building Inspections	788	145
Meetings	29	3
Violations	17	-
Complaints	57	4
Total	891	152

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Respectfully submitted,

RUSSELL ABBATE, Zoning Administrator

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment held 14 public hearings during 1980. Thirty nine (39) cases were heard: 15 Special Exceptions, 21 Variances, 1 Temporary Use Permit and 3 Rehearings. The disposition of the cases was as follows:

Variances	Approved	Denied	Total
Fill Wetlands	1	0	1
Less than Minimum Setback	3	0	3
Sign	0	1	1
Structure in Flood Plain	1	0	1
Structure in Watershed District	3	0	3
Change of Use	4	4	8
Less than Minimum Frontage	3	0	3
Enlarge Non-conforming Use	0	1	1
Totals	15	6	21
Special Exceptions			
Fill Wetlands	2	0	2
Elderly Housing	1	1	2
Home Occupation	3	1	4
Recreation Area in Flood Plain	1	0	1
Structure in Watershed/Wetlands	4	1	5
Professional Offices	1	0	1
Totals	12	3	15
Temporary Use Permit	1	0	1
Rehearings	2	1	3

Rehearings

The Board of Adjustment must perform its function as delineated by the Amherst Zoning Ordinance. The members of the Board of Adjustment recommend that all citizens become familiar with the provisions of the ordinance. If you have any questions regarding Board of Adjustment procedures, please contact the Zoning Administrator at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CLARK LOGAN, Chairman
ARNOLD C. DICKINSON, Vice-Chairman
JOHN BACKMAN, Secretary
NORMAN CONSTANT
ELLIOT LYON

BRICK SCHOOL STUDY COMMITTEE

(This report which is somewhat lengthy represents an attempt to describe the activities of the Brick School Study Committee and provide a background for its conclusions and recommendations and is available at the Town Hall.)

Conclusions and Recommendations of Brick School Committee:

The Committee's charge from the Selectmen suggests that its recommendations should include a description of how the building might be divided and how the rooms might be used. The Committee feels that this approach cannot be utilized until the use of the Brick School is determined on a more conceptual basis. Consequently, the recommendations are designed to provide direction to the Selectmen and the Town for the future of the Brick School with no attempt to suggest any specific layout or plan for renovation.

Also consistent with the charge, the Committee has not dealt with the cost of renovation or, in the case of the library, whether or not the library needs more space. The recommendations of the Committee are guidelines for future work on the preservation of the Brick School.

The recommendations of the Committee for the use of the Brick School are as follows:

1. That the Brick School be preserved as an historic building in Amherst Village, and that any renovation of the building take into consideration its location within the village and its architectural history. All renovation work should be directed toward improving and preserving this building as a significant part of the Amherst historical heritage.

2. A. That the Brick School should be the location of the Town Library - including a meeting room.

B. That the Town use the present library building as a central community center with a variety of meeting rooms for organizations. The plans for using this building should attempt to accommodate the space needs of various organizations, including the storage needs. It is the hope

of the Committee that the present library building will be developed into a town supported community center which takes an active role in generating programs and activities for citizens of all ages, in addition to being a meeting hall.

3. That, if the library does not use the Brick School, that the Brick School be used for the community center concept described in recommendation 2.B., and that a portion of the building be renovated for rental to the School Administrative Unit #63.

Respectfully submitted, December 19, 1980

THERESA GREENBLATT, Chairman
DOROTHY DAVIS
ROBERT W. FOSTER
LUCY RAMSAY
PETER B. ROTCH
ROBERT WISHART

AMHERST CONSERVATION COMMISSION

This past year brought an expected combination of achievement and frustration for the Conservation Commission.

In Joe English Brook Reservation we had Birch Road - an old logging road - upgraded to provide access into Joe English West for woodland maintenance and fire protection. We had the long-projected wild flower garden site on Hammond Brook cleared of stumps and boulders, ready to be planted this coming spring. We had the decaying hunter's shack burned down and the debris removed. None of this work could have been done without the active support of the Road Agent and the Fire Department and without the backlog of private donations to the Commission.

We completed laying out and clearing the Bicentennial Trail, running from the Town Barn to Brook Road just below the Joe English parking lot. Part of the work was done by Howard Boyd as an Eagle Scout project, and much of the rest with the assistance of several friends of Amherst Conservation. We also laid out trails on either side of a one mile stretch of Caesar's Brook on an easement granted the Commission by Frank Stetson, on the west side of Mont Vernon Road. This trail is in memory of Roland Fraser, former Commission member.

This fall, for the second time, we opened up parts of Joe English for selective firewood cutting by fellow townspeople, both to help them meet their energy needs and to thin out the woods to give remaining trees a better chance. We continued inspecting dredge-and-fill applications, reporting our findings to the State's Wetlands Board in a purely advisory and enlightened layman capacity.

We gratefully accepted from Dorothy Wilson the gift of three and a half acres of land on Christian Hill Road, and we were delighted when the Amherst Lionesses volunteered to fund the materials for a new bridge at the foot of the

beaver pond in Joe English.

While we are continuing to work for the acquisition of the B&M Railway right-of-way, one prospective land purchase on Chestnut Hill Road abutting the Harding Memorial Forest fell through. A third acquisition prospect bordering the northwest shore of Baboosic Lake Road was in abeyance at year's end pending resolution of questions relating to Town liability for road and bridge work which might be incurred.

Since we still have $105,000 in land purchase funds granted by past Town Meetings, we debated whether to ask for additional money. In the end, we decided to place an article in the Warrant for $25,000 for two reasons: one is that in this town the money we have at hand doesn't go very far, even with matching federal funds (and that source may well dry up); the other is to let our fellow citizens decide whether they still want us to continue purchasing land as a means of preserving open space.

Respectfully submitted,

ELISABETH G. BARRETT, Chairman
WILLIAM M. GOODWILL, Vice-Chairman
THORNTON STEARNS, Secretary
ELIZABETH GILLESPIE, Treasurer
WILLIAM C. ANDERSON
CHARLES L. BACON
HOWARD F. PARKHURST

TREE COMMITTEE

During 1980 the Tree Committee followed a positive program of good tree maintenance, pruning, feeding, watering and mulching. Young maples, oaks, several crab apples and lilacs were planted on the Commons. The Flat Iron Common was regraded, reseeded and the drainage problems were corrected. In December thirteen dead or diseased trees were removed from the Village.

Through the efforts of the Amherst Gardeners the granite planter at the Old Post Office was beautiful all summer. A special thank you to Howard Parkhurst for his expert advice and help with the spring planting. Also to Richard Griffith who generously gave his time to prune the crab trees.

In 1981 with the help of a professional arborist, we plan to label all ornamental trees in the Village. This should provide easy identification of plant material for the community.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA BERLACK, Chairman
TERRY MAYO
JAMES MOSER

MEMORIAL DAY REPORT

Amherst observed Memorial Day on May 30, 1980 with proper respects and good weather.

Participants included the MASH Band, Amherst Middle School Band, Town Scouts, Town Officials, State Representative Joanne Head, DAR and the local color guard.

Plants were sold on the Pierce Lane Common by the Amherst Gardeners.

Respectfully submitted,
PETER F. BERGIN, Chairman
COMMITTEE
ANN BERGIN, LEONARD TWISS, CHRISTOPHER WHITTAKER, WILLIAM HOPKINS

JULY 4TH REPORT

Theme - "We're 4 - A Frolicking Fuel Frugal 4th"
Winning Floats - 1. Best Overall - Gen'l Moses Nichols Perpetual Challenge Memorial Trophy Milk Can - Amherst Area Newcomers Club
2. Most Original - Rev. John Ward Plaque - S. A. Wells & Company Haircutters
3. Most Colorful - Trophy - Amherst Junior Womens Club
Main Speaker - Charles "Pete" Houston, Recreation Commission
Citizen of the Year Award Recipient - Richard Crocker
Float Judge - Executive Councilor, Judd Gregg
New for 1980 - Flags circling the Green and Backdrop Band Flag purchased with funds earned from 1979 Footlight Revue, dedicated to Richard Crocker
Events of the Weekend: Friday - Booths on the Green, Historical Chapel Open, Gymnastics Village Demonstration, PARADE, ceremonies, Rescue Squad Demonstration, Band Concert, Jaycees Junior Olympics
Saturday - Fire Engine Parade & Muster
Sunday - Jaycees Round Robin Softball Tourney of town clubs and teams - winner - Amherst Jaycees
Weather: Warm and sunny for all three days - at last - first time since 1976!

The Committee planned a three day celebration to encourage residents to stay in town over the 4th. Judging from the crowd, we managed to convince a few thousand people to stay!

Respectfully submitted,
ANN CONNELL BERGIN, Chairwoman
COMMITTEE: PETER F. BERGIN, RAYMOND NOLAN, MICHAEL DILLON, FRANCIS PERRY, KYLE AND BILL LANGILLE, DOROTHY SULLIVAN, DAVID HANLON, LOUISE AINSWORTH, BETTY ARNOLD, BRUCE BOWLER, GARY COWENHOVEN.
PARTICIPANTS: POLICE, FIRE, RESCUE, HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, HISTORICAL SOCIETY, CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, GYMNASTICS VILLAGE
AIDES: JUSTINA STALEY, GEORGE AND MAURA SCOLLIN, MARTY MANVILLE, FRAN COMELLO, REGINA AND JOHN WELCH

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

This was the year of a big decision for the Trustees of the Amherst Town Library. Each year the growth of the Town is reflected in the needs and services required by the increased number of patrons. Almost a thousand new patrons were registered in 1980 and the circulation naturally reflected this increase.

The Trustees have been aware of the need for expansion for some time. We had considered an addition to the present Library and realized that the big parking problem would not be eliminated. When the Selectmen decided that something should be done with the Brick School, we thought it was a possibility for a future library. With a grant from the Bean Foundation we engaged the consulting architect, Aaron Cohen, a specialist in library space design, to make a study of our needs and the possibilities which were an addition to the present library, the renovation of the Brick School for a library, or building a new library somewhere other than the village. His recommendation was to renovate the Brick School. We are excited about the prospects of the Library at the Brick School and are very much aware of the work we have ahead of us.

The Library installed a new charge machine this year. This is a rented service and the Friends of the Amherst Library paid for the rental for two years and all the supplies. This necessitated the re-registering of all patrons and this, too, was done by the Friends. Also, we bought a new copying machine from the money earned by the old copier.

The Friends of the Amherst Library do many things for the Library - decorating the Library with plants and art displays, donating two memberships to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts for use by people of Amherst, presenting the Little Red Wagon, a children's theater group, buying a new camera, and many others enjoyed and appreciated by the whole town. The officers and Board Members of this energetic group are Jean Pituck, Lori Gallagher, Barbara Wilson, Jean Lyon, Sue Blakeman Deide Scott, Connie Woolford, Jean Devlin, Barbara Hinman, Joyce McCray and Sylvia Agler.

In September Marcia deSteuben resigned as the Childrens' Librarian to further her education. Our new Childrens' Librarian is Margaret Comolli. She has had much experience in the Nashua Library System and is doing a fine job with programs for our children.

We are fortunate in having a capable, friendly and dedicated staff: Betty Watson, Head Librarian; Margaret Comolli, Childrens' Librarian; Cele Clough, Marian Williston, Sally Suomala, Jody Allen, Connie George, Library Assistants; Marjorie Johnson, Clerk-Typist; and Amy Hupfer, Heather Wichman, Margaret Hoag, Lisa Russell, pages. We appreciate all they do and know how important they are in making our library so great!

The weekly hours were increased to 48 adding Thursday morning and Saturday afternoon. Again this year the Amherst Schools and the Town Library cooperated in having a summer library branch at the Middle School.

Respectfully submitted,

SYLVIA AGLER
W. RYLAND COX
E. DANIEL JOHNSON
LUCY RAMSAY
WENDY STOTZ
JEAN SWEENEY

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY
LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Circulation Statistics for 1980:

Adult Fiction	23,114
Adult Non-Fiction	15,060
Juvenile	32,458
Magazines	7,693
Art Prints	43
Puzzles	416
Records & Cassettes	3,293
Inter-Library Loans (Borrowed from other libraries)	491
Loans to Non-residents using the Statewide Library Card	566
Pamphlets	336
Inter-library loans (Amherst loaned to other libraries	290
Total	83,760

This total exceeds last year's circulation by 3,788. 972 new patrons were registered in 1980. With our new charge machine system, it was necessary to re-register all library patrons, which gave us a much more accurate count of total users - 3,774 at the end of the year.

Book Collection:

1,731 books were purchased in 1980, and an additional 282 were added to the collection through donations and memorial gifts. A breakdown of the new books follows:

Adult Fiction	596
Adult Non-fiction	842
Juvenile Fiction, Incl. picture book	294
Juvenile Non-fiction	281
Total	2,013

638 books were withdrawn from the collection due to obsolescence, loss, damage, or wear. The book collection now consists of:

Adult Books	16,682
Juvenile Books	6,966
Total	23,648

Magazines & Newspapers:

New magazines subscribed to for 1981 include Fine Woodworking, GEO, Omni, Popular Photography, Science News, Sewanee Review, School Library Journal and Cobblestone.

We also receive as gifts or purchase locally 41 additional magazines, making a total of 123 magazine titles in the library collection.

The Value Line Investment Survey and several of Moody's publications also have been added to our business and investment reference collection.

The library subscribes to 7 newspapers, and recently has started to purchase the Wall Street Journal National Business Employment Weekly which is a weekly compilation of positions available from the four regional editions of the Wall Street Journal.

Recordings:	Disc	Tape
Adult	536	70
Juvenile	114	12
Total	650	82

Children's Room Activities:

Story Hours for two year olds, three year olds and four and five year olds were held weekly during the first part of the year.

In February, a program about children and reading was presented to 40 parents.

Spring activities for children included two Film Festivals, a 6-week course in Sign Language taught by Children's Librarian Marcia deSteuben and a May Day Celebration.

The Summer Reading Program took place at both the Town Library and the Amherst Middle School Summer Library with the following participation:

	Enrolled	Started Program	Completed
Town Library	119	83	57
AMS Summer Library	29	24	17
Totals	148	107	74

Other summer activities included Story Hours; a Halloween-in-July Party; 2 Film Festivals; beginner and advanced Sign Language classes; a 3-week Babysitting Workshop; a Frog Jumping contest; a 4-week long reading group for grade children called The Book Boppers; mountain climbing workshop; Circus; peanut guessing contest; writing contest; photography contest; bookmark design contest; and finally an End of Summer Party for all children who participated in the above programs.

In September, Miss deSteuben resigned to move to northern New Hampshire and to continue working toward her Master's degree in Library Science.

We were fortunate to be able to replace "Miss Marcia" with Margaret Comolli, who had graduated from U.N.H. with a B.S. in Early Childhood Education and had worked at both the main Nashua Library and at the Chandler Branch Library in their Children's Rooms. Along with pre-school Story Hours,

Miss Comolli has introduced the children to the fascinating world of puppetry, for which she constructs her own puppets and scenery.

Folk-singer Bob Fitzpatrick entertained children and parents at the end of September with folk songs, stories, accompanying himself on the guitar and dulcimer.

At Halloween, the librarian and pages did face painting, or make-up, to disguise youngsters preparing to go "Trick or Treating".

A Pilgrim Party was held at Thanksgiving time for 6 - 9 year olds.

Christmas vacation time brought about film programs; a macrame class for 10 - 13 year olds; a tree trimming party at which 6 - 9 year olds made Christmas ornaments; a craft program and party for 4 and 5 year olds; and a Christmas Story Hour and party for 3 year olds.

Middle School Summer Library:

Again, for the sixth summer, the Amherst Schools and the Town Library cooperated in opening the Middle School Library for public use. Mrs. Kathie McIntyre and Mrs. Jewell Bachtler were in charge. Hours open were 3 to 5 P.M. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons.

Book Circulation:

Adult Fiction	90
Juvenile Fiction	626
Juvenile Non-Fiction	212
Total	928

A-V Usage:

Cassettes	20
Kits	60
Film Strips	20
Records	116
Total	216

Other Activities:

In April, the library, aided by the Friends of the Library, sponsored a Solar Workshop with Bob Thurston of Amherst as speaker.

In August, the Friends of the Library sponsored a children's program by the Little Red Wagon, a theater group from U.N.H. This program was presented on the Amherst Common and was free of charge.

In October, the Friends of the Library held an Author's Night at which historian Mathew "Sandy" Thomas and poet Betty Billipp were the featured speakers.

A new plain-paper copying machine was purchased in May for the convenience of library patrons and townspeople. This machine can make transparencies at an additional charge for special material and can copy on both sides of the paper, if necessary, for a booklet or report.

Various staff members attended a number of conferences and workshops including a ten week Public Library Techniques

course at U.N.H.; Dataline workshops at which they were introduced to the new computer bibliographic searching available from the State Library for patrons; District Area Council Meetings; State Meetings on the Liaison Committee's plans for future library legislation; a New Hampshire Library Association workshop on Legislation; Aesop Meetings on Children's film programming; the N.H. and N.E. Library Associations' Annual Conference, and a computer workshop.

Library Hours:

In 1980 the Library's weekly hours were increased to 48 by added Thursday mornings and Saturday afternoons until 4:00 P.M. from September through June.

Need for Expansion:

The need for more "people space" or seating for patrons, shelving for books and room for children's activities prompted the library board to call upon the expertise of consulting architect Aaron Cohen, a specialist in library space planning. His study, funded by a grant from the Bean Foundation, indicates that an addition to the present library building on land now owned by the town library is not the most feasible long-range solution to the library's space needs.

In conjunction with the Brick School Study Committee's search for possible uses of the Brick School, we had Mr. Cohen also review that building. He feels that the Brick School has the potential for fulfilling library space needs for a long period of time, including the availability of more parking space. This indicates that the Brick School is a viable possibility as a new library facility. Estimated cost of renovation in 1980 dollars was half a million dollars.

Thanks Due To Many:

Many, many people deserve our thanks for memorial gifts, magazine subscriptions, book and bake sale donations, puzzles, display articles, the sharing of ideas and recommendations to improve library service, and general support of our endeavors. The Friends of the Library have, as always, provided financial assistance and volunteer work for which we are extremely grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

BETTY S. WATSON, Librarian

NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

1980 ANNUAL REPORT

1980 was a productive year for the Nashua Regional Planning Commission, with progress made in the areas of mass transit, water quality, highway planning and local planning service.

Under the leadership of Amherst's Commissioners, Martin Michaelis and Arnold Wight, the Commission was able to supply a variety of planning services to Amherst. The most notable of these activities was the preparation of a town base map and a series of overlays depicting the natural and man-made resources of the community. These maps will be of great assistance to the Planning Board in their master planning process, and also in the review of development proposals. The Commission staff also met with the Planning Board on several occasions to review and discuss proposed revisions to the Town's zoning ordinance.

On a regional level, Amherst's membership provided us the opportunity to undertake a number of areawide programs and plans.

Local planning assistance took on a new look this year. In an effort to maximize results, the Commission adopted a policy whereby communities can request concentrated planning assistance on a biannual basis. Under this policy, four of the twelve area communities received intensive service since the summer. The result has been a more practical product for the municipality, one which may have replaced the need for a community to hire a professional consultant at premium rates. Plans are underway for more projects as requests are received.

Other work tasks included development of a unified data base and format for community statistical profiles (monographs); quarterly publication of the Soundings newsletter; a seminar on capital budgeting; the completion of approximately 140 A-95 reviews to ensure consistency of federal funding decisions with local policies and plans; a series of "Dispatch" memos highlighting current planning events; and completed inventories of recreational facilities and non-point sources of pollution in each community.

The Commission looks forward to serving Amherst in 1981 and welcomes comments or suggestions which will make our programming reflective of your needs.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID C. SOULE, Executive Director

COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF NASHUA, NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC.

Community Council is again respectfully asking that you place our request for financial assistance on your agenda for approval by your townspeople.

As you know, we are a private, non-profit, comprehensive mental health center serving the residents of ten towns in southern Hillsborough County. Funding for our services is derived from a combination of sources. Each dollar of local support not only helps us to assure we can meet the needs of the citizenry, but also enables us to generate both State and Federal monies at extremely attractive ratios.

During the previous year, 89 Amherst residents were provided mental health services at Community Council. Of these 48 were new admissions.

The 54 Amherst clients in our outpatient program used 203 hours of service. Therefore, total cost for providing Amherst residents with outpatient service hours was $12,972.00.

Four Amherst residents received inpatient care last year, for a total of 19 inpatient days. Cost of these services was $1,417.00.

No one from Amherst participated in our Partial Hospitalization program during the past year.

Amherst clients availed themselves of our 24-hour per day, 7-day per week emergency services for a share of $1,686 of this program's total expense.

Consultation and Education services are provided to agencies on a regular basis, above and beyond contracted services which are not included in this request. Estimated expense for these services specifically delivered to Amherst is $2,296.00.

Outpatient Services (Adults & Children)	$12,972.00
Inpatient Services	1,417.00
Partial Hospitalization	0.00
Emergency Services	1,686.00
Consultation & Education	2,296.00
TOTAL COST FOR AMHERST	$18,371.00

We certainly appreciate your consideration of our request and urge you to seriously consider your support's meaning in actual dollars toward service delivery to your residents.

SOUHEGAN COMMUNITY NURSING ASSOCIATION

Founded in 1948 the Souhegan Community Nursing Association serves the towns of Amherst, Milford and Mont Vernon. Nursing visits are available to anyone in these towns, with physicians orders, regardless of their ability to pay. Visits are also made to new mothers and handicapped persons. The care of the sick is taught to a responsible family member when appropriate.

The Homemaker/Home Health Aide Program was started in April of this year. The Homemaker/Home Health Aide works under the supervision of a registered nurse. The Homemaker/

Home Health Aide assists in the case of the chronically ill, disabled, aged and convalescent in their own homes. They also may do light housekeeping and grocery shopping.

Office visits may be made at the Nursing Association building on the North River Road in Milford for blood pressure checks and injections ordered by a physician. These visits are scheduled between 9:00 and 10:00 A.M. Monday through Friday or by calling to make an appointment.

Immunization Clinics are held once a month free of charge to all residents of the three towns. The vaccines for these clinics are furnished by the State Department of Health and Welfare. A child health clinic is held once a month. Referrals are made to other health oriented resources and other physicians when necessary. Dental Clinics are held twice yearly, co-sponsored by the State Bureau of Dental Health. A blood pressure clinic is held every Monday except for holidays from 1:30 to 3:00 P.M. A diabetic screening will be conducted every six months.

The following pieces of equipment are available on loan at no charge: wheelchairs, commodes, crutches, canes and beds.

Respectfully submitted,

MARION JACKSON, R.N., Director

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Historic District Commission is charged with the responsibility of reviewing and approving all applications for building permits within the Historic District. During 1980, the Commission reviewed eight (8) applications, all of which were approved although one approval was delayed pending submission of additional information. All of these applications were for renovations or additions to existing structures.

The Commission also held numerous meetings during the year, including two public hearings. As a result of these meetings, the Commission has adopted procedural rules to assist the Zoning Administrator and property owners in processing building permit applications within the Historic District. Copies of these regulations will be available from the Zoning Administrator.

The Commission also confronted the problem of rural mail boxes within the Historic District as a result of the Post Office being moved to the Meeting Place. The Commission corresponded with the U. S. Postal Service in an attempt to get door-to-door mail delivery within the District, but without any success. As an alternative, after discussion and a public hearing, the Commission adopted guidelines for the erection of mail boxes. By and large these suggestions have been followed.

The Commission would like to be in a position to take a more active role in advising property owners with respect

to renovations and historic preservation within the District. As a beginning, the Commission has circulated a questionaire to all property owners. It has also reviewed publications of other municipalities for suggestions and ideas. During 1981 additional work will be done in this area.

Finally, the Commission has taken an active role in attempting to get a decision from the National Register of Historic Places on the application of the Historic District for listing on the National Register. At the last report, the application was being held up because of a concern over the boundaries. Hopefully this will be resolved in 1981.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER B. ROTCH, Chairman
NORMAN VAN DINE, Secretary
ROBERT F. JACKSON
PIXIE LOWN, Ex-officio
ROBERT W. CROUTER, Ex-officio

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

During 1980 members of the Bureau conducted 34 wood stove inspections and 14 oil burner inspections. In conjunction with the Zoning Administrator 21 building inspections were made and 13 sets of plans reviewed. The wood stove inspections are done at the request of the home owner. Any resident of the Town of Amherst who would like to have their wood stove installation, chimney or home inspected may call Lt. Walt Nelson 673-8371 or Capt. Mike Riccitelli 673-0642.

Again this year the Amherst Bank and Trust sponsored the "Captain No Burn" program. The Bureau presented this program to the first and second grade students. The Bureau gave Captain No Burn T-shirts to the second graders. Also during Fire Prevention Week the kindergarten visited the Fire Station.

During the year the Bureau conducted two fire extinguisher courses. The Bureau would like to remind everyone that we would put on a fire extinguisher course for any group or organization at their request.

Members of the Bureau are: Mike Riccitelli, Bruce Bowler, John Moorhouse, Walt Nelson, Tim Pullar and John Raymond.

The Bureau would like to thank all those who have worked and assisted us in our activities during 1980.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL RICCITELLI, Chairman
BRUCE BOWLER, Secretary

NEW HAMPSHIRE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

What it is! What it does!

Amherst has been a supporting township since the Association was first organized in 1957. Selectman Masten is currently a member of the Executive Committee, served as President of the Association in 1978 and is a Trustee of the New Hampshire Municipal Workmens Compensation Fund.

The Association is a non-partisan, non-profit organization whose 223 member cities and towns share a common interest in better government.

NHMA provides a wide variety of services to its member communities. Among the services provided are: legal services, technical assistance, group insurance programs, personnel services and representation of municipal interests before federal, state and administrative bodies.

The ultimate goal of these services is to help elected and appointed officials provide more efficient and effective government at the local level. In its representation of municipal interests before the state legislature, one of the primary goals of the Association is preventing excessive property tax burdens being placed on local governments.

NHMA also conducts many workshops and seminars dealing with local needs and problems. These include programs on such topics as municipal liability, welfare administration, assessing, land use and planning law, budgeting and labor relations. The biggest and most important learning opportunity offered by NHMA is its annual meeting. Held every fall, this meeting provides local officials with valuable program sessions designed to give local officials ideas and information they can put to use in their communities for the people they serve.

MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMITTEE
BUDGET FOR 1981

We, the Committee, have come to the conclusion that unless we do a complete program for the whole town of Amherst, that it does not pay to spend the time, effort and money. We have learned a lot in the past year, and also believe that the people of Amherst are fed up with mosquitos and that something positive should be done.

We have also concluded that adulticiding must be done as well as lavaciding. Certain species of mosquitos that we have in Amherst will not react enough to lavaciding. Adulticiding can, however, only be done when the individual home owner gives his permission to spray his property. Adulticiding is done from a truck that travels along the roads, however, with a back-sprayer also other parts of an individual's property can be sprayed. (Maybe we could charge homeowners extra for spraying on their property with a back-sprayer and thereby recoup some of the cost).

We propose to hire a full time employee, a Licensed Expert. We have such an individual available now, he has done this work for Rockingham County. Since the mosquito control program is only from March until October, the other time could be used by the Town for some other work. Furthermore, we know that Bedford is expecting to start a program, and they also indicated that possibly Mont Vernon and Merrimack would do likewise. Possibly all these towns could join together and have a larger mosquito control program and we could then share our costs with them.

Personnel:	Manager	$15,000	per year
	Certified Assistant 850 Hours @ 4.75 per hour	4,038	
	Certified Assistant 750 Hours @ 4.50 per hour	3,375	
Chemicals:		3,200	
	Storage Cabinet	350	
Equipment:	Sprayer for truck mounting	3,000	(one time
	Back sprayer	500	expense)
	Miscellaneous small items, traps, batteries, dippers, jars, filters, etc.	350	
Miscellaneous		350	
Gas, oil, etc., for cars		500	
	Total	$30,663	

Truck for spraying to be supplied by Town and used about two days per week.

SOUHEGAN REGIONAL LANDFILL DISTRICT

The Souhegan Regional Landfill District Committee is gratified to report these 1980 highlights to the taxpayers of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis and Mont Vernon.

The surplus was achieved through efficient day-to-day operations, application of preventative maintenance procedures which significantly reduced major repair costs, increased income from commercial haulers, and attentive financial management.

Improved knowledge of costs, careful analysis of operations and expected maintenance, and application of a portion of the 1980 surplus made it possible to budget 1981 operations at $134,116 which is $40 less than the 1980 budget. Estimated hauling expenses, chargeable to the sending towns is up $3,000 from $19,000 to $22,000.

The Town of Amherst, from whom the landfill property is leased, exercises its option to the sand and gravel that is not needed for landfill operations. During the year the Town, at no cost to the District, initiated excavation work to ready additional areas for refuse disposal. This mutually advantageous arrangement provides Amherst with sand and gravel that would otherwise have to be purchased. At the same time it eliminates expenses that would have to be shared by the taxpayers of all of the towns if the District had to pay for the excavation work.

Through the cooperation of the Selectmen and citizens of Brookline and Hollis more people are going to the "dump" on weekdays. This does away with the problems previously encountered on weekends and makes it possible to handle the increasing amount of trash with the Districts' existing equipment. The Mont Vernon Selectmen are aware that their collection site hours may have to be modified during 1981 since additional refuse can not be accommodated on weekends.

The District Committee acknowledges with thanks the constructive management contributions of Albert C. Dudley of Mont Vernon and Ronald E. Stillman of Amherst prior to their resignations as representatives of their towns.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM I. MARBLE, Chairman - Amherst
FLORENCE H. PALMER, Secretary/Treasurer - Brookline
JAMES D. OTIS - Mont Vernon
DENNIS K. WHEELER - Amherst
FRANK WHITTEMORE - Hollis

$30,000 operating surplus in 1980
A "hold the line" budget for 1981
No cost excavation of future refuse disposal areas

TOWN OF AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF TRUST FUNDS

AS at December 31, 1980

	Invested Cost	Market Value	Percent Increase
Common Stock:			
Invested prior to 1980	$ 42,000	$198,000	371
Invested in 1980	101,000	107,000	6
Total	143,000	305,000	113
U.S. Treasury Bonds - due 1982	35,000	33,000	(6)
Cash Equivalents	15,000	15,000	
Total	$193,000	$353,000	83

The funds invested in common stocks prior to 1980 increased in value 371%. This is ten times better than the Dow Jones Industrial Average.

The sums invested during 1980 had previously been invested in fixed income instruments. They did not gain in value during the same period and in fact on an inflation adjusted basis they had lost 50% of their value after 1974. It is reasonable to expect, however, that with these funds now invested in high grade common stocks that they will, over the next few years, gain in value and will more than recoup the loss due to inflation.

It is also reasonable to expect that by the mid 1980's that the total common stock portfolio will appreciate to the $600,000 - $900,000 range.

In addition to the foregoing funds the Trustees also manage the Town Capital Reserve Funds which as at the year end amounted to $270,000. These funds are subject to call by the Town on short notice and are invested in money market instruments. During 1980 these funds earned 11.21% on an average balance in the amount of $241,000.

Respectfully submitted,

G. WINTHROP BROWN
DAVID T. RAMSAY
RAYMOND B. WOOLSON

Trustees of the Trust Funds

AUDIT REPORT

The audit of Deloitte Haskins & Sells and their Letter Report on Accounting Procedures and Internal Accounting Controls for the year ended December 31, 1979 are available for inspection at the Town Hall during regular business hours.

SYNOPSIS OF TOWN MEETING
March 11, 1980

Acting under Warrant for Town Meeting, Polls opened at 7:00 A.M. and closed at 7:00 P.M. at the Wilkins School. 1190 ballots were cast. Articles 1, 2, and 3 were by ballot vote.

On Saturday, March 15, 1980 Articles 4 thru 25 were acted upon at the Middle School Gym. The meeting was called to order by Moderator Wight at 9:05 A.M. The flag salute was led by Creeley Buchanan followed by the Moderator reading a passage from Psalms.

Results of Articles 1, 2 and 3 are as follows:

Article 1 Election of Officers:

Selectmen	- Alice (Betty)Arnold	3 years
	- Elizabeth (Pixie) Lown	3 years
Tax Collector	- Barbara Landry	3 Years
Highway Agent	- Richard Crocker	1 Year
Trustee of Trust Funds	- David T. Ramsay	3 Years
Library Trustee	- Sylvia A. Agler	3 Years
	- Lucy E. Ramsay	3 Years
	- Wendy Stotz	2 Years
Bd. of Adjustment	- Elliot P. Lyon, Sr.	5 Years
	- J. Clark Logan	1 Year
Moderator	- M. Arnold Wight, Jr.	2 Years
Supervisor of Checklist	- Jean E. Lyon	6 Years
	- Evelyn (Lyn) S. Sickler	2 Years

Article 2
Amendment #1 Zoning Map
Changing Article II, Section 2-2, by inserting "and the Wetlands Conservation District Overlay," after the words "Flood Plain Conservation District Overlay" so that the maps depicting zoning districts will be clearer.

Yes 933 No 147

Amendment #2 Building Permits
Changing Article III, Section 3-7, Paragraph B. by deleting from the last line of Paragraph B. the words "Paragraph D." and substituting therefor the words "Paragraph E.", and deleting from the first line of Paragraph C. the word 'certificate" and substituting therefor the words "Building Permit" thus correcting some erroneous reference in the current ordinance.

Yes 898 No 165

Amendment #3 Northern Rural District
Changing Article IV, Section 4-5, Paragraph C 3 by deleting from the second line of said paragraph the words "fifteen (15) feet" and substituting therefor the words "thirty (30) feet" thus increasing the setback requirement for accessory structures.

Yes 765 No 319

Amendment #4 Flood Plain Conservation District
Changing Article IV, Section 4-10, Paragraph A 2 so as to specify recreational uses which can be permitted in the Flood Plain Conservation District by special exception granted by the Board of Adjustment.

Yes 751 No 302

Amendment #5 Wetland Conservation District
So that the properties in the Town which qualify as wetlands under the criteria established for the same but are not mapped as wetlands, will, in fact, be subject to the same restrictions as apply to the mapped wetlands.

Yes 794 No 270

Amendment #6 Wetland Conservation District
To remove the following two uses as permitted uses in the Wetland Conservation District: 1. Water impoundments; 2. Drainage ways - Streams, creeks, or other paths of normal runoff water, so that water impoundments become a use requiring a variance, and ponds become a permitted use by special exception granted by the Board of Adjustment.

Yes 633 No 366

Amendment #7 Wetland Conservation District
Town Zoning Ordinance which would result in the new requirement that the Planning Board render an opinion as to the potential impact of a proposed use in the Wetland Conservation District on the environment prior to the Zoning Board of Adjustment's action on an application for such proposed use.

Yes 722 No 302

Amendment #8 Watershed Protection Regulations
The regulation with respect to the watershed protection area will be modified so that ponds planned and executed under the direction of the USDA-SCS will be deleted, while recreational uses, ponds, roads, dredging, filling, draining or the erection of a structure may only be accomplished in the watershed protection area by way of a special exception granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment after a finding that the proposed use would not be harmful and other criteria have been met.

Yes 699 No 309

Amendment #9 Building Permits
The Building Inspector or the Zoning Administrator will be able to require compliance with the Town ordinances and laws by the withholding of permits on properties which have existing violations.

Yes 798 No 280

Amendment #10 Definitions
Amending the ordinance so that the permissible area of a Home Occupation will not exceed 600 square feet, as opposed to earlier requirements which are based only upon the percentage of the overall area.

Yes 603 No 430

Article 3 - Voted to adopt the provisions of RSA 654:34-a permitting applications for changes in party affiliation to be made with the Town Clerk.

Yes 923 No 170

Article #4
Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $225,000 to construct a combined Police/Rescue/Civil Defense facility on Town owned land acquired for this purpose.

Article #5
Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,937,105.01 to defray Town Charges.

Article #6
Voted to give the Selectmen and Town Treasurer the authority to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article #7
Voted to authorize the withdrawal from Revenue Sharing Funds for use as off sets against budget appropriations $28,600.00.

Library - Books	$ 1,500.00
Police - 2 Cruisers	15,500.00
Zoning - Vehicle	5,000.00
Town Office Expense - New Equipment & Appraisal	5,100.00
Fire Department Safety	1,500.00
	$28,600.00

Article #8
Voted to appropriate the sum of $5,500.00 to replace the roof on the Baboosic Lake Pavillion and to erect 320' of a 7' chain link fence and to authorize the withdrawal of said sum from Revenue Sharing Funds established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

Article #9
Voted to appropriate the sum of $3,000.00 to replace two (2) gasoline pumps at the South Amherst Fire Station and to authorize the withdrawal of said sum from Revenue Sharing Funds established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

Article #10
Voted to appropriate the sum of $1,200.00 for the purpose of painting the outside of the building and repairing windows at the Town owned building known as the "Chapel" or "Annex" and to authorize the withdrawal of said amount ($1,200.00) from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

Article #11
Voted not to raise and appropriate the sum of $23,000.00 to alter the Central Fire Station to provide training, meeting and office space.

Article #12
Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of providing for the orderly replacement of Rescue Squad Communication Equipment and to authorize the withdrawal of said amount from the surplus account and that the Selectmen be authorized to carry out the intent of this Article.

Article #13
Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $20,000.00 for the purpose of establishing a Capital Reserve Fund to provide for the orderly replacement of Police Cruisers and such other administrative motor vehicles; and to authorize the withdrawal of $20,000.00 from the surplus account for the purpose of providing the necessary funds to establish the Reserve Fund and to authorize the Selectmen to carry out the intent of this Article.

Article #14
Voted to appropriate the sum of $85,000.00 for the purchase of a replacement fire truck (Aerial ladder type) and to authorize the withdrawal of said sum ($85,000.00) from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund to defray the cost.

Article #15
Voted to appropriate the sum of $2,200.00 for the purpose of resurfacing one (1) tennis court at the Davis Lane Tennis Courts and to authorize the withdrawal of said $2,200.00 from the Recreation (tennis court) Capital Reserve Fund to defray the cost.

Article #16
Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $60,000.00 said sum for the purpose of adding to the current Bridge Capital Reserve Fund for the orderly replacement of bridges in the Town of Amherst established by action of the Town Meeting of March 1979.

Article #17
Voted not to raise and appropriate the sum of $8,000.00 for the purpose of initiating the first phase of a total Mosquito Control Program, said phase to cover the North Western section or approximately one-fifth of the total area of the Town.

Article #18
Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $25,000.00 to be administered by the Conservation Commission with the concurrence of the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of acquiring land at their discretion to protect the natural resources and to provide open space in accordance with New Hampshire RSA 36A-5.

Article #19 Deemed out of order.

Article #20
Voted to rescind action taken at the 1978 Annual Town Meeting under Article 20 as amended to appropriate the sum of $25,000.00 for the purpose of making renovations to Upper Wilkins Field, and further vote that the balance of the unexpended appropriation in the amount of $23,225.00 be re-appropriated for the purpose of upgrading the playground areas known as Spalding Field and Lower Wilkins Field, and that said action be contingent upon the execution of a lease arrangement between

the Town of Amherst and the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Amherst as per RSA Chapter 53-A within 90 days of Town Meeting.

Article #21
Voted to authorize the Selectmen to make application for and receive such advances, grants and through wills or other Funds for Town Government purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government or any State or private agency.

Article #22
Voted to authorize the prepayment of resident taxes and to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayments as provided by RSA 80:1-a.

Article #23
Voted to authorize the Selectmen to convey two pieces of property acquired by the Town by tax collector's deed - Lot 65-1 Map 5 and L0t 38 Map 8 - by public auction (or advertised sealed bid) or in such other manner as determined by the Selectmen as justice may require.

Article #24 (by petition)
Voted to declare and designate that portion of Baboosic Lake Road from the point of intersection with Pavillion Road to Merrimack Town Line as a "Scenic Road" as set forth in RSA 253.

Article #25 (by petition)
Voted not to require that all new construction in Amherst, both residential and commercial, be equipped with smoke alarm devices.

Ways and Means Committee presented two resolutions of which both were accepted.

#1 - At the 1931 Town Meeting a resolution was passed creating the Ways and Means Committee of seven members appointed annually by the Moderator. We offer an amendment to that resolution to increase the Ways and Means Committee to eleven members.

#2 - We offer the following resolution that the Moderator be empowered to appoint an advisory committee of not more than five qualified members of the community, plus an ex-officio member of both the Selectmen and School Board to make up a personnel advisory board for town and school departments and that this committee will make recommendations to be presented to the Selectmen, the School Board and the townspeople in time for the preparation of next year's budget.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernice G. Boothroyd, Town Clerk
March 17, 1980

SYNOPSIS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
August 26, 1980

Re: Police/Rescue/Civil Defense Facility

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M. at the Wilkins School. Creeley Buchanan led the salute to the flag. Moderator Wight opened the meeting with scripture and read the Warrant as posted.

Article #1 - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of forty thousand ($40,000.00) dollars to complete the construction of the Police/Rescue/Civil Defense Facility which was authorized at the 1980 Town Meeting (Warrant Article #4, Plan #1) and said amount of $40,000.00 to be financed as follows:

The sum of $40,000.00 to be raised by the issuance of notes for a term not to exceed six (6) years and that the Selectmen be authorized to determine the method of financing in the best interest of the Town or take action relative thereto.

Mr. Masten explained the reason for this special meeting. Discussion followed at length.

The polls were opened at 9:30 P.M. and closed at 10:30 P.M. Vote was by yes and no ballots.

Article #1 - Voted not to appropriate.

Yes 106 No 64 Total 170

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNICE G. BOOTHROYD, Town Clerk
August 27, 1980

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT
WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

The polls will be open at 8:00 P.M.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the County of Hillsboro in said State, qualified to vote in

DISTRICT AFFAIRS

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Amherst on Friday, the 13th day of March, next at 8:00 of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary District Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray district charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see if the District will give the Commissioners and District Treasurer the authority to borrow money in anticipation of District taxes.

4. To see if the Village District will vote to adopt the provisions of Article 31:105, New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, entitled "Indemnification for Damages" which provides that a Village District may vote to indemnify and save harmless for loss or damage occurring after such vote, any person employed by the Village District and any member or officer of its governing board from personal financial loss and expense including reasonable legal fees and costs, if any, arising out of any claim, demand, suit or judgment by reason of negligence or other act resulting in accidental injury to a person or accidental damage to or destruction of property.

5. To see if the Village District will vote to authorize the Village District Officers to purchase a comprehensive general liability insurance policy to protect the Village District, its officers and employees against claims made or suits brought for damage to any persons or property or for claims made or suits brought by reason of any act or omission constituting a violation of civil rights of any person by any officer or employee of the Village District acting within the scope of his employment or office, all as provided in New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Article 31:107.

6. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 20th day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

ROGER O. TOPLIFFE
JOHN I. SNOW
DAVID R. HALL
Commissioners of Amherst Village District

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:
ROGER O. TOPLIFFE
JOHN I. SNOW
DAVID R. HALL
Commissioners of Amherst Village District

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT

The Amherst Village District was deeply saddened by the death of long time friend, commissioner, and superintendent, Howard Boothroyd. Howard was instrumental in the modernization program and the maintenance of the system for many years. He contributed much to the district and is greatly missed.

The Amherst Village District is most fortunate that John I. Snow has accepted the position of commissioner filling the vacancy created by the death of Howard Boothroyd. John has given freely of his time for the past several years to help with the budget and to modernize the accounting practices of the District.

Carl E. Doane has resigned this year due to his move out of the District. Carl had served as commissioner for five years and has made many outstanding contributions to the District including that of setting up of a capital reserve fund.

David R. Hall has been elected commissioner replacing Carl Doane. The District is most fortunate to have Dave as commissioner due to his life long interest in Amherst and the District. Dave's father, Lawrence C. Hall, was one of the original commissioners and responsible for the planning and establishment of the district.

The transition from quarterly to semi-annual billing has been accomplished this year thanks to the efforts of Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Topliffe. It is comforting to note that the Amherst Village District water rates still remain the lowest in the area.

Superintendent John Hanlon has had a busy year with the replacement of a large number of meters and curb stops and many miscellaneous service calls. We thank him for the many hours of dedicated service he has given to the Amherst Village District since 1976. David Herlihy was hired in August to serve as Assistant Superintendent and will help Superintendent Hanlon maintain the system which provides water service to the 241 families in the District.

Respectfully submitted,
ROGER O. TOPLIFFE, Chairman JOHN I. SNOW DAVID R. HALL

Commissioners of the Amherst Village District

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT
Balance Sheet
December 31, 1980

Assets

Cash		$ 4,480
Capital reserve fund		10,500
Water rates receivable		11,462
Utility plant in service, at cost $166,977		
Accumulated depreciation	(94,266)	72,711
		$ 99,153

Liabilities, Reserves & Fund Balances

Capital reserve fund	$ 10,500
Fund balance	88,653
	$ 99,153

Statement of Changes in Cash Balances
For the Year ended December 31, 1980

Funds provided	
From operations - net income	$ 11,223
- depreciation	3,340
Total funds provided	14,563
Funds applied	
Reduction of bonds payable	$ 5,000
Increase in water rates receivable	2,670
Transfer to capital reserve fund	5,500
Total funds applied	$ 13,170
Increase in cash balances	$ 1,393
Cash balances, beginning of year	$ 3,087
Cash balances, end of year	$ 4,480

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and
Changes in Fund Balance

	Year Ended December 31, 1980	Budget for year ended December 31, 1980
Revenues		
Water Service	$ 16,199	$ 16,000
Precinct Tax - transfer from general fund	14,775	14,775
Hydrant Rental	2,600	2,600
Interest & Dividends	433	430
Interest on capital reserve fund	500	1,000
Total	34,507	34,805
Operating Expenses		
Interest on bonds payable	56	--
Salaries	6,200	7,000
Utilities	5,282	6,000
Operating supplies, maintenance, tank repair	1,349	8,495
Depreciation	3,340	3,340
Meters	380	300
Office Supplies & Print.	457	600
Insurance	618	650
Water Tests	147	160
Legal Fees & Licenses	--	100
Road Repairs	5,000	5 000
Miscellaneous	455	500
Total	$23,284	$32,145
Net Income	$11,223	$ 2,660
Fund balance January 1, 1980	82,930	
Transfer to capital reserve	(5,500)	
Fund balance December 31, 1980	$88,653	
For Budget purposes		
Add non cash expenditure-depreciation		$ 3,340
Deduct non operating cash requirement		
Capital reserve fund		6,000
Excess of cash receipts over cash expenditures		00

Marriages Registered in the Town of Amherst, N.H.
For the Year Ending December 31, 1980

Date and Place	Name of Bride and Groom	Name of Officiant
1979		
Sept, 8, Milford	Robert W. Hodge Kathleen D. Andrews	Rev. Edward J. Charest
1980		
Jan. 1, Amherst	John D. Gibbs Ann L. Halbisen	Joyce E. McCaffrey, Justice of the Peace
Jan. 5, Milford	Carleton R. Thatcher Carolyn E. Mossman	Rev. Craig H. Richards
Jan. 5, Mont Vernon	Gary T. Ouellette Theresa A. Simmons	Rev. Edward J. Charest
Jan. 5, Milford	Robert L. Denner Theresa E. Martel	Rev. Louis A. Soucy
Feb. 10, Milford	Nathan A. Teichholtz Johnetta M. Artemis	Rev. Olav Nieuwejaar
Feb. 22, Peterborough	Gary W. Scholl Mary M. Houck	Catharine B. Sage, Justice of the Peace
March 2, Mont Vernon	Gregory S. Guyette Cathy E. Clay	Rev. Richard J. Tulip
March 22, Amherst	Richard G. Moreau Marilyn B. Mahoney	Edward J. Trentini, Justice of the Peace
April 18, Amherst	George C. Bacon Rosemary R. Zellner	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson
April 19, Milford	Philip K. McCarthy Catherine J. McMahon	Rev. Louis A. Soucy
May 3, Amherst	Donald M. Joyce Lois R. Brown	Kris E. Durmer, Justice of the Peace
May 10, Amherst	David M. Mercier Cheryl A. Queen	Brian P. Andrews, Justice of the Peace
May 10, Wilton	Rodger S. Merkely Wendy M. Sexton	Rev. Gerald Scribner
May 17, Merrimack	Christopher L. Paras Camillia A. Lamy	Rev. Paul F. McHugh
May 17, Amherst	Wilfred A. Pelletier Alverta M. Belhumeur	Joyce E. McCaffery, Justice of the Peace
May 24, Milford	Michael G. Chacos Cindy Lee Russell	Malcolm F. Shea, Justice of the Peace
June 7, Amherst	Richard P. Curtis Rosemary Frisch	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson
June 7, Amherst	David R. Jones Lynn Clark	Rev. H. E. Bartsch
June 14, Nashua	Thomas J. Allen Denice M. Hardiman	Rev. Philip A. Crane
June 14, Milford	James H. Foster Lauren B. Ezequelle	Rev.Daniel W. Ferry
June 14, Milford	Timothy R. Pullar Jennifer A. Whittemore	Rev. William J. Shanahan
June 14, Amherst	Albert W. Bowman Evelyn Duncan	Joyce E. McCaffery, Justice of the Peace
June 14, Bennington	Gareth H. Spurlock Shauna L. Landry	Rev. Gerald F. Joyal
June 20, Merrimack	John R. Fowler Linda Mara	Jacqueline M. Moore, Justice of the Peace

Date and Place	Bride and Groom	Officiant
June 21, Milford	Seth C. Potter Roberta J. Long	Rev. Craig H. Richards
June 21, Milford	Phillip J. Ludvigsen Faith M. Caulfield	Rev. William J. Shanahan
June 21, Milford	Christopher P. Grace Karen J. Brockway	Rev. Daniel W. Ferry
June 21, Milford	Scott E. Flannery Diane C. Haughey	Rev. William J. Shanahan
June 21, Amherst	George J. Zimmerman Susan M. Royder	Rev. Arnold J. Johnson
June 28, Milford	Terry F. Piotrowski Barbara A. L'Homme	Rev. William J. Shanahan
June 28, Amherst	Jules J. Brayman Wendy L. Manoogian	Rev. Peter H. John
June 28, Amherst	Michael K. Jones Katherine L. Waris	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson
June 29, Mont Vernon	Stephen P. Campbell, Jr. Cynthia Johnston	John W. Cowie, Justice of the Peace
July 3, Nashua	Claude R. Bessette Mary Jane Quirk	Rev. Thomas Bresnahan
July 4, Milford	Rock H. Tirrell Cheryl L. Long	Rev. Craig H. Richards
July 5, Amherst	Stephen J. Colburn Carole J. Matson	Rev. Craig H. Richards
July 12, Rindge	Peter T. Desnoyers Vicki I. Davis	Rev. Raymond G. Putnam
July 12, Amherst	Albert K. Webber, Jr. Elizabeth V. Jennings	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson
July 12, Amherst	John W. Riendeau Amy A. Kamieniecki	Linda A. McCormack, Justice of the Peace
July 25, Manchester	Stephen J. LaFlamme Barbara A. Morin	Rev. Leo A. LeBlanc
Aug. 1, Brookline	James A. Bourassa Karen L. Scott	Rev. Louis A. Soucy
Aug. 1, Rindge	Craig W. Checani Susan J. Young	Rev. David L. White
Aug. 2, Amherst	Scott D. Trudo Lori A. Lewis	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson
Aug. 2, Milford	David A. Russell Betti G. Dickstein	Rev. Craig H. Richards
Aug. 16, Milford	Richard J. Hennessey Elizabeth M. Abbate	Rev. William J. Shanahan
Aug. 23, Amherst	Albert J. Beaulieu, Jr. Susan E. Powell	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson
Aug. 23, Rindge	Peter A. Otten Sandra L. Webb	Rev. Ronald R. Pinaid
Aug. 29, Nashua	Harry R. Everett Terry J. Manson	Joyce E. McCaffery, Justice of the Peace
Aug. 30, Concord	James G. Brophy Evelyn G. Upton	Rev. David G. Hamilton
Sept. 6, Bedford	Richard D. Audette Gretchen Locke	Rev. James Scotland, Jr.
Sept. 20, Amherst	Mark D. Kennedy Pamela R. Burelle	Rev. Guy A. Newton, Jr.
Sept- 27, Amherst	Donald A. Baker, Jr. Deborah Cordts	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson

Date and Place	Bride and Groom	Officiant
Oct. 11, Amherst	James A. Lukens Pamela L. Campman	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson
Oct. 18, Amherst	John J. Callahan, Jr. Christine A. Schletter	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson
Oct. 25, Milford	Brian H. Naro Laurie A. Mogavero	Rev. Maurice Lagueux
Nov. 1, Amherst	Mark H. Breda Robin R. Brown	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson
Dec. 1, Amherst	Laurence W. Bliss Cathy A. Lefebvre	Joyce E. McCaffery, Justice of the Peace
Dec. 26, Amherst	Thomas P. Morehouse Pauline N. Bedard	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson

Deaths Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H.
For the Year Ending December 31, 1980

Date and Place	Name of Deceased	Age	Name of Father	Name of Mother
1979				
Dec. 1, Boston, Ma.	Janet E. Camp	40	Stephen M. Tonella	Hazel Grader
Oct. 16, Boston, Ma.	Wallace W. Simpson	64	George Simpson	Rose _____
1980				
Jan. 12, Nashua	Guy H. Nelson	71	Herbert Nelson	Lula F. Pinkham
Jan. 26, Nashua	Norman E. Page	70	U/K	U/K
Feb. 11, Boston, Ma.	Violet Connors	81	George Cave	Cecile Parsons
Feb. 25, Nashua	Nellie Townes	83	George Long	Elizabeth Bell
Mar. 10, Nashua	Kathleen B. Merrill	84	John M. Atkins	Lilla E. Baker
Mar. 14, Nashua	Anne C. Marsh	65	John Carroll	Anna Walsh
Mar. 25, Milford	Rachel H. McDowell	78	U/K Hutchinson	U/K
April 13, Manchester	Walter Chandley	24	George Chandley	Wilna Walter
April 21, Nashua	Charles A. Reynolds	74	William Reynolds	Clara Bailey
April 27, Nashua	Flora L. Durgin	78	Francis Robinson	Anna West
April 28, Boston, Ma.	Constance L. Pritchard	38		
May 21, Bedford	Edwin O. Jewett	89		
May 23, Milford	Trudy D. Patnode	37	Joseph Doubleday	Gertrude Rowe
May 25, Nashua	Charles P. Bryant	56	Robert Bryant	Amilla Fiske
July 12, Milford	Barbara V. Albee	60	Lyle H. Fowler	Ethel Hutchinson
July 22, Milford	Diana Paquette	85	Joseph Piquette	Mary Roberts
Aug. 3, Nashua	Josephine Marino	57	Giacomo Mongiello	Filomena Ricciardelli
Aug. 6, Nashua	Howard W. Boothroyd	58	Frank E. Boothroyd	Lillian Anthony
Aug. 17, Lawrence, Ma.	Eva V. Upham	95	Benjamin Kelly	Maggi Farr
Oct. 9, Milford	Bertha E. Brown	86	Harry Lull	Isobel Kelly
Nov. 8, Nashua	John D. Logan	42	Lindsay Logan	Flora Knox
Nov. 17, Manchester	Alfred W. Fiske	60	Clarence Fiske	Alice Evans
Nov. 27, Nashua	Alice R. Dunnigan	77	Radcliffe Heywood	Elizabeth Lever
Dec. 27, Amherst	Edward J. Trainor, Sr.	67	John Trainor	Mary Haskell
Dec. 28, Amherst	Walter F. Liberty	72	Stephen Liberty	Rose Gregoire
Dec. 28, Manchester	Norma S. Burkett	93	August Spangenberg	Katherine Schwable

Births Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H.
For the Year Ending December 31, 1980

Date and Place	Name of Child	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Dec. 26, 1979, Boston,Ma.	Marianne Elizabeth Tilli	Joseph L. Tilli	Judith Capetamelis
1980			
Jan. 2, Nashua	Scott Donald Moser	James G. Moser	Constance Doolittle
Jan. 4, Manchester	Kenneth Francis McMullen	Edward J. McMullen	Marie Michaud
Jan. 15, Nashua	Cammy Laine Figard	James J. Figard	Marla Meneley
Jan. 20, Nashua	Jack Edward Worster	Edward R. Worster	Tinn Decato
Jan. 24, Nashua	Shaun Maxwell Bishop	Ted L. Bishop	Darlene Curtis
Jan. 25, Manchester	Kelly Anne Maloney	Charles F. Maloney	Carol Stowe
Jan. 25, Nashua	William Peter Maas, Jr.	William P. Maas, Sr.	Diane Roy
Jan. 29, Nashua	Andrew Charles Tyler	Robert H. Tyler	Ruth Snyder
Feb. 9, Nashua	Scott Bell Armstrong	William B. Armstrong	Valerie France
Feb. 12, Nashua	Sean Edward McGivern	John S. McGivern	Joan Sawyer
Feb. 14, Manchester	James Munger Banghart, III	James M. Banghart, Jr.	Anne Belletete
Feb. 24, Nashua	William Riley Lockridge, IV	William R. Lockridge III	Barbara Griffith
March 1, Nashua	Lisa Jean Ericson	Nathaniel H. Ericson	Joyanne Nelb
March 7, Nashua	Matthew Theodore Cittadini	Robert F. Cittadini	Elizabeth Vineyard
March 17,Nashua	Katherine Rose Mendola	Joseph M. Mendola	Janet Wilson
March 22,Manchester	Rachel Alayne Bonilla	Richard A. Bonilla	Diane Stickney
March 26, Nashua	Joseph Michael Trudeau	Leo M. Trudeau	Coleen McMurray
April 1, Nashua	Nicole Dawn Ross	Kenneth C. Ross	Connie Whitaker
April 4, Nashua	Todd Andrew Macbeth	Douglas P. Macbeth	Linda Siebold
April 14, Nashua	Amanda Sherry Buice	David R. Buice	Alice Ward
April 17, Nashua	Boy Moore	Roy E. Moore, Jr.	Sharon Nuechterlein
April 21, Nashua	Samuel James Balsama, II	Richard E. Balsama	Maybelle Cederholm
April 23, Nashua	Jessica Erin Charpentier	Luc W. Charpentier	Velda Farrar
April 27, Concord	Joseph Paul Pereira	Anthony D. Pereira	Maureen Gonley
May 8, Nashua	Andrew Lee Jenkins	Timothy I. Jenkins	Jeanne Wolfe
May 14, Peterborough	James David Mackey	David L. Mackey	Sandra Holzhauser
May 8, Nashua	Girl McCabe	Robert A.McCabe	Donna Elliott
May 27, Amherst	Joshua James Albert	Robert A. Albert	Christine Come
May 28, Nashua	Eric Lapointe Thibault	John G. Thibault	Gail Lapointe
June 1, Nashua	Doranna Marie Cleary	Daniel F. Cleary	Phyllis DiCecca
June 3, Nashua	Nicholas Wayne Ligato	Wayne A. Ligato	Vivian Moore

Date and Place	Name of Child	Father's Name	Mother's Name
June 16, Nashua	Charles Joseph Houston, IV	Charles J. Houston, III	Michele Symonowicz
June 18, Peterborough	Benjamin Tyler Verrill	Richard M. Verrill	Sharon Abel
June 18, Nashua	Kelly Ann Miller	Michael J. Miller	Noreen Jones
June 21, Nashua	Jennifer Lee Parker	Jeffrey D. Parker	Dorothy Freni
June 23, Nashua	Amanda Marie Vandenberg	George E. Vandenberg	Mary Williams
June 24, Nashua	Alexis Courtney Fach	Albert C. Fach	Kristine Enquist
June 26, Nashua	Anna Genevieve Purtell	Jeffrey F. Purtell	Deborah Sullivan
June 28, Manchester	Elizabeth Mary Wheeler	William K. Wheeler	Anne Johnson
July 2, Nashua	Steven Jared Brunelle	Steve N. Brunelle	Jane Stuart
July 2, Nashua	Patrick William Link	William P. Link	Jeanne Demers
July 10, Manchester	Caitlin Mae Hunter	Donald C. Hunter	Kathleen McCarthy
July 19, Nashua	Adam Philip Tetreau	Philip E. Tetreau	Kathryn Bell
July 20, Nashua	Kara Christine Moegelin	Daniel F. Moegelin	Marne Stothart
July 30, Nashua	John Mark Gagnon	Robert A. Gagnon	Irene Walsh
July 30, Nashua	Faedra Ann Bernier	Donald L. Bernier	Lynne Bowden
July 31, Concord	Kristen Mae Spratt	Stephen E. Spratt	Deborah Thompson
August 1, Nashua	Kaleb Albert Hazen	William A. Hazen	Carol Gordon
August 2, Nashua	Meghan Kara Monks	Michael H. Monks	Nancy Curley
August 3, Peterborough	David William Alligood	Darrell William Alligood	Susan Farwell
August 7, Nashua	Andrew Morse	Burton S. Morse	Nancy Erb
August 9, Nashua	Michael Daniel Steinkrauss	John E. Steinkrauss	Nancy Sullivan
August 11, Nashua	Thomas Francis Head, V	Thomas F. Head, IV	Gail Thome
August 15, Manchester	Girl Lyle	George H. Lyle	Carolyn Sevoy
August 17, Nashua	Penny Lynn Bedell	Paul S. Bedell, Sr.	Sharon Nichols
August 17, Nashua	Jessica Elaine Queeney	Stephen F. Queeney	Deborah Swartz
August 29, Concord	Alexander Clayton Robertson	Roland B. Robertson	Pamela Ackerman
August 31, Nashua	Elyse Deacon Connolly	Robert J. Connolly	Susan Deacon
Sept. 3, Manchester	Elizabeth Griswald Baird	William E. Baird	Elizabeth Morgan
Sept. 3, Concord	Ashly Andrea Bond	Robert W. Bond	Martha Gordon
Sept. 6, Nashua	Lucas Sutherland Hall	Stewart K. Hall	Deane Mullis
Sept. 9, Nashua	Carlan Richard Guyette	Gregory S. Guyette	Cathy Clay
Sept. 11, Nashua	Jennifer Jane Stone	Keith J. Stone	Heidi Stefanski
Sept. 15, Nashua	Samir Ramesh Mehta	Ramesh K. Mehta	Meenakshi Kamdar
Sept. 15, Nashua	William Thomas Sidebotham	David W. Sidebotham	Maryann Power
Sept. 18, Nashua	Evan Prescott Bailey	Eric L. Bailey	Ann Thomas

Date and Place	Name of Child	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Sept. 19, Nashua	Leslie Ann Caia	Robert Caia	Ellen Luddy
Sept. 24, Nashua	Anne-Gordon Smart	Robert B. Smart	Christine Belson
Oct. 4, Nashua	Alison Keil Connard	David McK. Connard	Susan Klingensmith
Oct. 20, Nashua	Caleb Taube Webster	John S. Webster	Ellen Taube
Oct. 21, Nashua	Brett Adam Mayes	Timothy K. Mayes	Karen Burke
Oct. 22, Concord	Samuel Bradbury, V	Samuel Bradbury, IV	Linda Cauffman
Oct. 29, Nashua	Timothy Peter Lemay	Peter J. Lemay	Lynda Lacroix
Nov. 3, Nashua	Sarah Kayser	Charles D. Kayser, III	Marcia Gould
Nov. 3, Nashua	Girl Welch	John M. Welch	Regina Devine
Nov. 6, Nashua	Alexander Wilson Harris	Thomas J. Harris	Suellen Neumann
Nov. 6, Nashua	Amanda Lysberth Snyder	William R. Snyder	Vicky Wilbrun
Nov. 18, Nashua	Peter John Licata	William A. Licata	Marnette Hagan
Nov. 28, Peterborough	Christine Alyssa Deysher	David A. Deysher	Elizabeth Haney
Nov. 30, Manchester	Andrea Marie Wheeler	Carl A. Wheeler	Linda Bouchard
Dec. 1, Nashua	Justin Houk Moninger	Thomas R. Moninger	Cheryl Houk
Dec. 6, Nashua	Benjamin Stuart Bentley	Robert N. Bentley	Marilyn Walker
Dec. 8, Concord	Peter Karl Wurst	William C. Wurst	Barbara Wilson
Dec. 13, Nashua	Luke Arthur Pushee	David M. Pushee	Joan Chadwick
Dec. 21,Nashua	Emily Stewart Ginsberg	Michael F. Ginsberg	Sarah Elliott
Dec. 25, Nashua	Jennifer Ann Everett	Craig A. Everett	Janet Hall
Dec. 27, Nashua	Cathleen Anne Anderson	William C. Anderson	Mary Flange

IN MEMORY OF FAITHFUL OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF AMHERST

HOWARD W. BOOTHROYD

Served the Town as a member of the Board of Adjustment and as a Commissioner of the Amherst Village District.

CHARLES REYNOLDS

Served as a member of the Lawrence Engine Company and as Custodian of Town buildings.

"This world is not conclusion

A sequel stands beyond"

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OFFICE HOURS of TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

Town Hall: Tuesday Evenings, 7:30 p.m.

Selectmen's Secretary

Town Hall: Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Town Clerk

Town Hall: Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Monday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00

Tax Collector

Town Hall: Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Monday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00

Zoning Administrative Official

Town Hall: Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon
Monday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00

Library

Main St.:	Mon. & Tues.	1:00 p.m. to	9:00 p.m.
	Wed. & Thurs.	10:00 a.m. to	9:00 p.m.
	Friday	1:00 p.m. to	5:00 p.m.
	Saturday	10:00 a.m. to	4:00 p.m.
	Summer Hours	10:00 a.m. to	12:30 p.m.

Children's Library closes at 8:00 p.m. Mon. - Thurs.

General Information

Town Office Telephones Town Clerk – Tax Collector Selectmen – Recreation Director Zoning Administrator	673-6041 and 673-6048
Fire Chief	673-2934
Road Agent	673-1293
Highway Department	673-2317
Police Department	673-4900
Civil Preparedness – Roy Maston	673-4803
Library	673-2288

Souhegan Regional Landfill – Rte. 101

Dump Sticker Required

Open Tuesday, Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For Police or any Emergency	**673-1414**
To Report a Fire	**673-3131**